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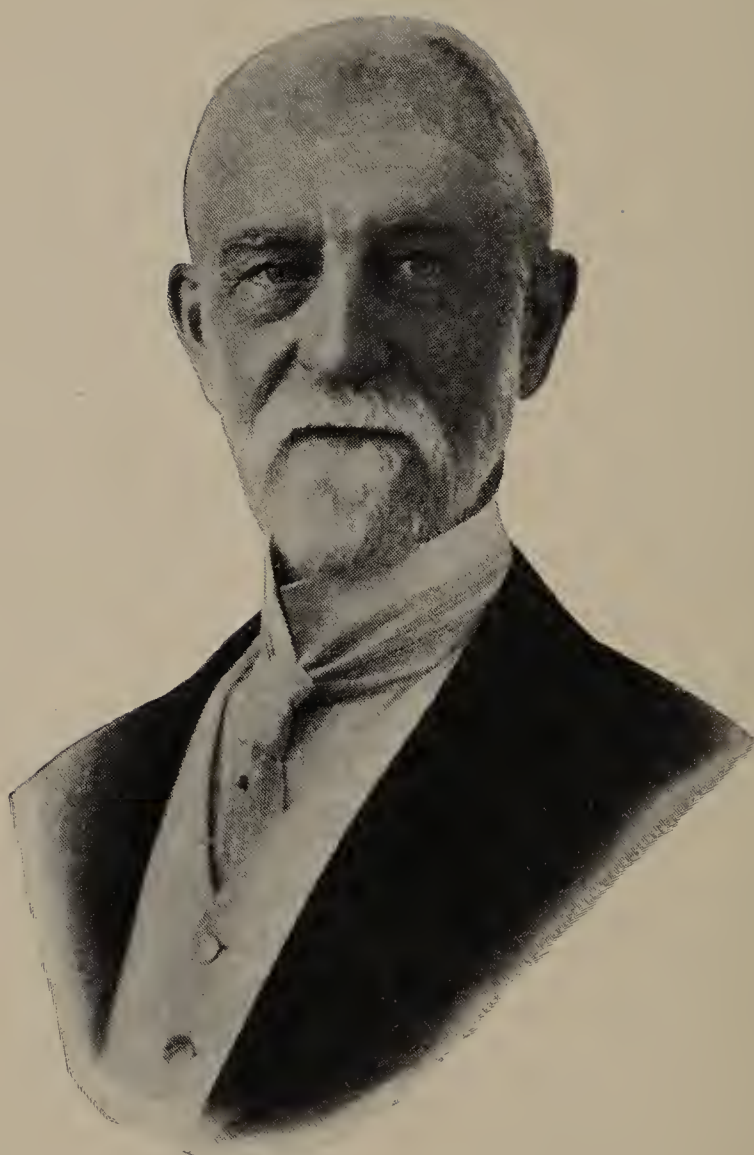












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*of* VIRGINIA *and* ✓  
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## CHAPTER I

### OUR ORIGIN

Nobody knows where we came from. In all countries where the root word *Lan* occurs, there our name will be found in one form or another: *Lander, Landers, Landor, Landrum, Landrith, ad infinitum*. If the root is in the soil, our name springs up spontaneously. We speak of the inhabitants of Holland as Hollanders, and there are Scotlanders, and Finlanders, and Icelanders, and some Greenlanders. When I was a mere lad I often heard my elders say, "When you meet a man who spells his name Lander, he's your kinsman." I have lived long enough to disprove that saying. There are Landers in this country from most all other countries, and a common ancestor is not to be thought of. Naturally enough, the first Landers to arrive in this country were from England. The name is common "from Tweedmouth to Landsend." Few of them have become greatly distinguished. Richard Lemon and his brother, John Lander, born at Truro, Cornwall, were commissioned to command an expedition to discover the source and chart the course of the

Niger River. The expedition was successful. They unlocked the portals of western Africa, corrected the guesses of Herodotus, Pliny and Ptolemy, and accomplished what John Ledyard, Mungo Park, Capt. Clapperton and others failed to do—traced the course of the Niger River. For this service the first annual premium of fifty guineas was awarded to the brothers by the Royal Geographical Society, and they became the object of their country's care. John wrote a most fascinating account of the expedition, which has been published in several European languages.

The Right Rev. Gerard Heath Lander is Lord Bishop of Hongkong, presumably from England. He visited this country several years ago. Rev. R. Brook Lander, of Tedington, England, is a bishop of the Free Church of England. His son, Arthur James, came to this country and became a Presbyterian clergyman. Though he was a popular and successful preacher and led a blameless life, he committed suicide by drowning in the Chicago River. He left a widow and three children, the youngest of which is David Stanley Lander, born Oct. 23, 1903.

There is a small but interesting family here

from Ireland. Samuel Lander was born in County Tipperary, Nov. 12, 1792, and came to this country in 1818, landing at Boston. He was a coachmaker of a coachmaking family. After living awhile at Newark, N. J.; Washington, D. C.; Warrenton, Va., and Salisbury, N. C., he finally settled at Lincolnton, N. C. He was a godly man of wonderful strength of character, mental vigor and sanctified common sense. At least two of his sons are worth mentioning. William Tertius was born in Ireland, May 9, 1817, was reared at Lincolnton, and was a classmate of H. N. McTyiere, who became bishop of the Southern Methodist Church and founded Vanderbilt University. Lander read law in Lincolnton and became one of the most noted jurists of his day. One who knew him well said of him, "I have traveled all over North Carolina and listened to all her great orators and lawyers, and have never heard one who was the equal of William T. Lander before a jury." He was a member of the first Confederate Congress, and his brilliant eloquence found congenial fellowship amid the fiery spirits of that illustrious body. He was an enthusiastic Mason and to the end of his life was active in its counsels, and was a high

authority in Masonic circles. He was senior warden of the Grand Lodge at the time of his death. His brother Samuel was born in 1833 and became a prominent minister and educator in South Carolina. He founded a school for girls at Williamston, which was held in high esteem throughout the state. I have talked with many of the graduates of that school and they all hold Dr. Lander's memory in tender esteem. His influence will be felt in South Carolina for many years to come. After Dr. Lander's death the school was moved to Greenwood and named Lander College in honor of the founder.

Perhaps the first Lander to land in this country was Thomas. On July 1, 1635, when but 22 years old, he sailed from London on the good ship "Abigail," Robert Hackwell, master, and landed at Lynn, Mass., in early autumn. He was among the earliest settlers of Sandwich, Cape Cod. He married Jane Kirby, July 2, 1651, and died Nov. 19, 1675. They had eight children, and they multiplied and replenished the earth so that now they are pretty well scattered throughout the New England states and some of them have pushed westward with the tide of emigration. But one family has



ever become sufficiently distinguished to get into the encyclopedias. There were three members of this family. The oldest was Edward, born in Salem, Mass., Aug. 11, 1816. He graduated from Harvard in 1835, and died in Washington, D. C., Feb. 2, 1907. He was a lawyer of great ability. In 1850 he became judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Indiana. Three years later President Pierce appointed him chief justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Washington. His record in that office was one of great interest, but we may not go into details.

Leaving office in 1858, he practiced law for a time in San Francisco, Cal., and a little later settled in Washington, D. C., where he remained till his death. I corresponded with him in 1882, and got most of the information here recorded. His brother, Gen. Frederic W. Lander, was born in Salem, Mass., in 1821, and died in command of the Army Department of West Virginia, a department created especially for him, at Paw Paw Station, in March, 1862. He served as aid to General McClelland in the campaign of West Virginia, and so distinguished himself that he was appointed brigadier-general. Had he lived doubtless he would have



obtained rank among the greatest generals of the Civil War. He was graduated at Norwich Military Academy, and took up the profession of civil engineering. He was employed by the Government to select a route for a Pacific railway. He constructed the overland wagon route in the face of great difficulties and constant hostility of the Indians. The towns of Lander, Pa., and Wyoming and Lander County, Nev., were named in honor of him. He married a Miss Davenport, an actress, but they had no children. After her husband's death Mrs. Lander adopted two boys, giving them the name of Lander. They may have descendants in Washington City.

The sister, Louisa Lander, was born in Salem, Mass., Sept. 21, 1826, and became a sculptor of eminence. She showed her talent at an early age, and in 1855 was sent to Rome to study. While there, under the direction of Crawford, she modeled her "Today" and "Galatea." Among her other works are "Virginia Dare," "Undine" and "Evangeline." I had a letter from her about three years ago. She was then 95 years old and very feeble. Probably her work is finished.

I have often been asked if we are related to

this illustrious family. There is a bare possibility that we are. Judge Edward and General Lander both frequently met Israel and Patterson of our family in San Francisco, Cal., and they were all persuaded that they were related because of the marked resemblance between them. Moreover, the families articulate historically. Judge Edward Lander wrote me in 1882, and about the same time his cousin, William A. Lander, of Salem, Mass., wrote that their great-grandfather (and that was as far back as they could go) was William Lander, "chairmaker." He was buried April 14, 1778. He had eleven children, four sons by Margaret Henderson, his first wife, and three by his second. Five of his children were baptized April 17, 1752, and the others were baptized singly shortly after they were born. The boys were: William, Benjamin, Peter, Robert, Samuel, Jonathan and Robert, II. Peter was born in 1740, and married Rebecca Brown in 1763. In his youth he was engaged in foreign trade. When the War of the Revolution broke out he enlisted at once and was "an aide-de-camp to the general who led the Massachusetts militia to Connecticut." "When first I recollect him," wrote the Judge, "he was over

80 years of age, lived in a handsome house in Essex street, which was built by his father, and was president of a marine insurance company. My father, Edward Lander, was his youngest son, born, I think, in 1788, and died in 1862. He had three sons, Edward, Charles and Frederick, also two daughters, one of which was Louisa, the sculptor. William A., a cousin of these, found some old documents showing a John Lander in 1690, or near that time, and *here is where we connect*: That John Lander, another Melchizedek (Heb. 7:3), was the brother of my great-great-great-grandfather, William, and the father of "William, the chair maker." What more natural than that John, the great-great-grandfather of the gifted family, should name his first born son William, after his brother, our great-great-great-grandfather. Simple as can be (and as well founded as some other historical facts).

The most widely advertised Lander in this country is Edward J., of Grandforks, N. Dak. His name has appeared in all the leading magazines for many years. He has built up a large farm mortgage business in that western city. His father came from Towry, England, in 1854, and after a year or so in Canada he set-

tled in Rockford, Ill., and died there, leaving three sons and four daughters. But, while prosperous and respectable, they do not "belong." For many years I made it a habit to follow every clue to a Lander that I saw in the papers, but in later years I have quit that. I saw the following in the *San Francisco Call*, Aug. 25, 1905, but did not follow it up: "Leroy O. Lander, aged 78 years, and Mary Franklin, aged 16 years, were married by Justice Van Olinda, of Vashon Island, Wash. Lander boasts that he was once a member of the Quantrell gang of outlaws." There is no telling what may come of that marriage. It may be the founding of another Juke family, or an Edwards—who knows? But here is something ancient and interesting. It is recorded that Capt. Daniel Lander and twelve associates set out from Boston, Mass., on a piratical expedition in August, 1689. They sailed along the New England coast as far south as Virginia. They captured a number of vessels, but after some effort by the Colonial authorities they were themselves captured, taken back to Boston, convicted and hanged. Thus early in our history have we run up against the gallows. Will the hangman always get his dues? You can answer more intelligently when you have read the following chapters.



## CHAPTER II

## FROM TRADITION TO HISTORY

The most plausible tradition that we have of our origin runs like this: Two brothers were born in Saxony near the end of the 17th century, John and William Lander. When they grew to manhood they thought to better their condition and opportunities by migrating to New England. They kept together till they landed on "the wild New England shore." John was satisfied to settle in Salem, Mass., or thereabouts, and married a Yankee woman. When their first son was born they named him William, after his Uncle William. As he grew up he learned to make chairs and was called "the chair maker." In the course of time he got married and from that on the career of his family is pretty well charted. John's brother, William, was not quite satisfied with existing conditions. For one thing he did not like the climate and so determined to go further south. He had learned to be a tailor and became quite proficient at his trade. It was easy for him to get together his belongings—a pair of shears, a supply of needles and thread, a tailor's goose and press board—and he was ready to



travel. He tarried at a number of places on the way and easily paid expenses working at his trade. At length he got down into Virginia and found things to his liking—mild climate, fertile soil, a hospitable people and a good place for a tailor. He decided to settle probably in the section of country watered by Bull Run Creek. It was not long till he was married and proceeded to rear a family. There were at least three daughters and two sons—possibly more. The elder son was named Charles. When old enough to leave home he struck out in a southerly direction and was soon lost sight of. He may have tacked an “s” onto his name and become the progenitor of the numerous Landers scattered all the way from Virginia to Landersville, Ala. A daughter, Eleanor, married a Mr. Pugh, and after his death she married Rev. Levi Ashbrook, a backwoods Baptist preacher. They lived in Hampshire County and some of their descendants moved to Kentucky. Another daughter of William Lander married a Mr. Park, and still another a Mr. Hughs. In 1780, Michael Lander, with seven in family, was enumerated as a citizen of Hampshire County. We have no other record of him. We know, however, that William Lander had another son

named Henry, and he became the founder of the "Lander Family of Virginia and Kentucky," the common ancestor of us all. He emerges from tradition into history. We do not know when or where he was born, and we know nothing of his mother. The best guess that we can make (and we have an established reputation as a guesser), he was born in what is now Loudoun County, Virginia, about the year 1725. He married Hannah Skinner about 1753. The name of her parents are as yet unknown to me, but here is where we sail out into history and there will be no more guessing. On the 14th day of March, 1764, he leased for 21 years a farm of 200 acres from "William West, Gent," of Loudoun County, Cameron Parish. That is the first authentic date in our family history. The farm is bounded as follows: "Beginning at a white oak by Robert Stephens, thence west to a red oak blazed four sides near the *Great Road*, and on the west side thereof, thence No. 55 W. to a scrubby white oak on a ridge blazed four sides, thence west to the mountain branch to a poplar blazed four sides in the said branch, thence up the said branch and binding therewith to an oak on the north side of said branch, blazed four sides, thence west to the mountain, thence to

Evans.” (Note: They do not seem to have got back to “the starting point.”) The yearly rental was £7 current money of Virginia. Henry was to keep the premises always in a state of good repair, particular mention being made of the apple orchard: “As often as any of the said trees shall wither or decay, the said Lander will plant others in their room.” The instrument was sealed and delivered in the presence of four witnesses, among whom was Charles West, evidently a relative of William West, Gent. Ten years later Capt. Charles West raised a company of recruits to go to the war, and Henry Lander’s son Charles was among the volunteers. This farm dwelling was only a mile and a half from the home of Richard and Adah Skinner, and the children of the two families were reared on terms of endearing intimacy. No wonder that two of the Lander boys married two of the Skinner girls, who were twins. We have not the documentary evidence to prove it, but it is quite likely that the wife of Henry Lander was a sister of Richard Skinner. All of the Kentucky Landers have a strain of Skinner blood in them. The Nathan and Johnites have a one-eighth strain; the other tribes of

my generation have a strain of one-sixteenth Skinner.

Henry Lander was living on his leased farm when the Revolutionary War broke out. There all of his children were reared and got such schooling as the neighborhood offered, which was little enough. His eldest son was in the army. The conflict was raging fiercely and danger was on every hand. His dwelling was on the "Great Road," and while he was loyal and patriotic, the issue was doubtful, and evidently he thought that it would be prudent for him to retire to a place of greater security. So about the year 1777 (another guess) he relinquished his lease and trekked across the mountains to Hampshire County, whither his father and other relatives had preceded him. In 1921 I visited Hampshire County and made a search among the old records in the Court House in Romney, and found where Henry Lander obtained a grant of land of Lord Fairfax, April 5, 1777. The tract lay on the north side of the Augusta Road, near where it crosses Tear Coat Creek, and contains 294 acres. About a year later Henry bought from the estate of Lord Fairfax 421 acres adjoining the first piece, making 715 acres in a compact tract. He



built a house on the smaller tract. After some years that house was torn away and a new one built in its stead. Some years afterward the second house was burned and the present structure built in its place. This smaller tract still contains 294 acres and is owned by Wilber Baker. I hired a car, took Squire Maloney with me and drove out to visit the farm. John Emmart, a neighbor, readily identified the place from the description. We drove across Tear Coat Creek, and I got out and baptized myself in its shallow waters Presbyterian style. We walked over the place so familiar to Henry Lander and his sons and daughter and his aged father. The old man lived close by and may have died at Henry's home. I went to the spring—the pioneers always built close to a good spring—and I thought that the water was the most delicious I ever drank.

Henry sold the larger farm to Andrew Milslagle, Feb. 26, 1793, for £160, and on April 9, 1794, he sold the smaller place for £240. The sixteen years spent in that home witnessed the disintegration of Henry Lander's family. He had six sons and one daughter. The boys were Charles, Jacob, Nathan, John, William and Henry. The daughter's name was Rebecca.



She married Tavenor Moore, and according to the best information that we have, they settled in Bath County, Kentucky. The boys were all married, and in the closing years of the 18th century the lure of the "dark and bloody ground" seized upon that mountain community. There lived in the same neighborhood David Allen, Levi Ashbrook, John and Benjamin Foreman, Ephraim Herriott, Thomas Talbott and Thomas Littler. Many of these and other neighbors sold their possessions and moved to Kentucky. All did not go at the same time nor by the same route. Some had ox teams hitched to wagons and went all the way in that style, and some went to Brownsville, Pa., and there built or bought flatboats and floated down the Monongahela and Ohio rivers to Limestone (since called Maysville) and then drove by easy stages to Clark County and formed quite a Virginia colony before they quit coming. William, the venerable tailor, outlived his generation. He probably spent much of his time with his son Henry during his latter years. I advertised in a Romney paper in 1908 for information concerning the old tailor and received the following from W. H. Emmart, who was then well along in years: "I have heard my father

say that he heard a man by the name of Mauk say that once upon a time he was working the public road with a gang of men. When they had worked to a small stream called Tear Coat Creek, near the east end of Short Mountain in Hampshire County, a man by the name of Lander came out and talked to them. He said that he was then 113 years old, that he was a tailor by trade, and could still cut and make a coat to fit as well as any tailor living. Mauk said that the old man was still active and a spry walker; that he lived close by, and was buried there when he died, but I can find trace of neither house nor grave." I believe Mr. Emmart's story. But I saw where Henry Lander's house was standing within 300 yards of where Tear Coat Creek crosses the road, and *there is an old graveyard half way between the house and the crossing*. It is clear to me that the old man was then living with his son Henry, and if he were 113 years old "and still active and a spry walker" at that age, he could have easily held on for three years more, which would make him 116, his reputed age at the time of death.

We have never heard anything of the religious or political views of Henry Lander, Sr. He doubtless was a product of the age and

community in which he lived. To be sure there were some giants in those days, but the level of citizenship was undoubtedly low. There were no schools and few books, and Henry's education was doubtless limited to the "three Rs," but 'A man's a man for a' that and a' that.' Henry was a good citizen. He reared a large family, bringing his children up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." His sons were, as a whole, highly respectable and respected citizens. They were God-fearing, law-abiding, upright, dependable men. None of them became distinguished or acquired great wealth, but they were all good livers, hospitable, generous and kind.

Henry established a home near Winchester and lived among his sons till he was 84 years old, and might have lived to be as old as his father had he not met with an accident. But be patient and I will come to that directly. Henry was visiting his son John, who was sick or disabled in some way. The meal barrel was running low. John's little boys shelled two bags of corn and, to the amazement of little Samuel, who told me the story seventy years afterward, "Grandfather shouldered the bags and put them upon the horses."

This same little Samuel told me about the death of his grandfather. His home caught fire one night and was burning fiercely. "Grandfather feared that the sleepers in a certain room had not been aroused. He bravely broke open the door and the flames burst out and enveloped him. He 'swallowed fire' and was otherwise burned before he could be rescued. He died from the effects of the fire. No others were injured at the time."

In the next chapter we will give some account of the six sons, whom we shall designate as the patriarchs.

### CHAPTER III

#### THE PATRIARCHS

The first of the patriarchs was Charles. He was born Dec. 9, 1754, and reared near the home of his grandfather, the tailor, and he was 10 years old when the family moved onto the leased farm on the Great Road. His opportunities for securing an education were no better than his father's, and it is doubtful whether he ever saw even a copy of "Poor Richard's Almanac" or anything else that would tend to develop his mental faculties. He, like all the children of the neighborhood, "jus' grew up,"



and probably all his life he would say, as so many have said, "I'm no scholar."

There is no scrap of information concerning his youthful days, but as he advanced into his teens he entered upon exciting times. The colonists were enraged over British oppression. Charles was 11 years old when Patrick Henry made his famous speech before the Virginia Assembly in opposition to the Stamp Act, closing with the electric words, "Cæsar had his Brutus, Charles I his Cromwell, and George III may profit by their example." These words were repeated at every fireside in the land and declaimed in every school.

The boys were fired with the spirit of patriotism, and when the war broke out there was a prompt enlistment. Charles joined the army—he was no slacker. But his military record has been grossly exaggerated. I think that Willis Spencer, one of his grandsons, was the offender. He wrote to my Uncle Frank: "He has often told me that he was in the field ploughing, when a passing herald announced the battle of Lexington. He took his horse to the house instantaneously, took down his gun and went away to the army with no further preparation for clothing than what he had on. He often said that



the shoes on his feet and the hat on his head were all he had during his seven years of toil. They wore out and no more were to be had." A story like that got into the records of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It is intensely heroic, but hardly true.

Let us apply some "higher criticism:" There were no Virginians at the battle of Bunker Hill. Charles was a Virginian. Ergo, Charles wasn't there. The surrender at Yorktown occurred Oct. 19, 1781. Charles Lander and Catherine Foreman were married March 1, 1781, and, of course, he was not at the surrender. Charles gave his war record on oath when applying for a pension before the Bourbon Circuit Court, at Paris, Ky., Aug. 14, 1832. The record is on file, and he was sworn to tell the truth on that occasion. We quote from the record: "He enlisted from Loudoun County, Virginia, in October, 1775, under Capt. Charles West, and served with the Third Regiment of the Virginia line. This enlistment was for six months only, and he mentions no battle. He was marched to Williamsburg and thence to Hampton, where his regiment wintered. He enlisted in the spring of 1776 for two years with the same company. In August of that year his

regiment, commanded by Colonel Weiden, was marched to New York. There they were under General Washington. He was with Washington in his retreat through New Jersey until just before the battle of Princeton, when he was given a furlough on account of sickness and remained during the winter following with a relative in New Jersey. He rejoined his command in August, 1777, and continued with it until they went into winter quarters at Valley Forge. He was sergeant during these months. He speaks particularly of a hard battle at Brandywine. His second enlistment expired and he was discharged at Valley Forge in February, 1778." He did not re-enlist, but went to look for his father, who meanwhile had moved from the leased farm on the Great Road across the Blue Ridge Mountains into Hampshire County. There he met and married Catherine Foreman, as aforementioned, and started farming for himself.

His war record simmered down to two years and a half. One winter he was down with the smallpox in the home of a Skinner relative, and the next winter at Valley Forge.

Charles continued farming in Hampshire County for about fifteen years, during which

time four of his children were born. He joined the exodus and moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky, and settled near North Middletown, which at the first was called Sweenytown. He assisted at the "raising" of the first house in the village.

Like all of his brothers, except Henry, Charles was a powerful man physically—tall, broad-shouldered and well setup; his head was large, with heavy, overarching eyebrows. He was gifted with good common sense, and stood well among his fellows. He was elected to the legislature from Bourbon County and voted on the Whig side of every question that came before the assembly. He was long an active and consistent member of the Methodist Church, leading in prayer and song, and his house was the "circuit rider's" home. He owned a number of slaves, but set them free in his last will and testament. Catherine, his first wife, died June 17, 1825, and on Oct. 24, 1827, he married Miss Elizabeth Jones. She bore no children, and died of cholera, Aug. 10, 1833. That dreaded disease was prevalent at that time, and four days after the death of his wife, Charles succumbed, aged 78 years, 8 months and 15 days. He was buried on his own place, and his

grave is still marked by a rudely carved stone.

John Redmond, who owned the place in 1912, took down the house that Charles had built and erected a modern dwelling on its site. But the same old spring is bubbling at the foot of the hill a few rods away. I was fortunate in securing a picture of the old house.

The second patriarch was Jacob. He was born and reared in Loudoun County, Virginia, but the date of his birth is not known. The children of that family came with wonderful regularity, and an average between his older and younger brother would place Jacob's birth in October, 1757. He had the same advantages and disadvantages that Charles had, and the times were getting more exciting all the while. When his father moved to Hampshire County, Jacob was 20 years old. He was big and strong, and if he had been fiercely patriotic he might have joined the army, but with commendable filial fidelity he yielded to the entreaties of his parents and trekked with them across the mountains. He courted and married his cousin, Catherine Ashbrook, daughter of Levi, the minister, Oct. 1, 1780. He was the first of the patriarchs to get married, and for a time he cultivated a part of his father's farm.



Though a large and powerful man, Jacob was exceedingly good-natured—full of fun and anecdote and often full of liquor. Because of his intemperate habits he never got on quite as well as his brothers.

He moved to Kentucky about the same time that the others did, and settled on Stoner Creek, not far from Winchester. To him belongs the distinction of erecting the first grist mill in that section. He enjoyed a monopoly of grinding grains for some years. Unfortunately, through a defect of title, he lost his home and mill. That or something else caused him to reform, and in later life he was strictly temperate. So far as we know, he never made a profession of religion.

His wife was a woman of superior qualities, and maintained the family in good social standing. She gave all of her children the rudiments of a good education, and they married into some of the best families about Winchester.

In about 1815 Jacob moved to Breckinridge County. His wife died and his children all married, and poor Jacob was left to struggle alone in poverty or visit among his children wherever a friendly door was opened. When he was 78 years old he rode on horseback to visit

his relatives in Christian County, about 135 miles "as the crow flies." While there he was taken sick and died, Sept. 4, 1835, and was buried in the family graveyard on his brother William's farm.

Jacob's descendants should, if possible, find the grave of Catherine Ashbrook and erect a monument to her memory. She had four sons and six daughters, and they have inherited from her many noble qualities.

The third patriarch was Nathan, sometimes called Nathaniel. He was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, Aug. 30, 1760. He was reared on the farm—the leased farm on the Great Road—for the most part. He imbibed what education he could, but there was not much of it floating about in the atmosphere in those days.

He helped move his father's family over to Hampshire County. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, but he never got credit for it and never received a pension, as many did. We will give the facts here, and maybe justice will be done some day: Before he was of age he was drafted to serve in the army from Hampshire County. This term, however, was but for three months, during which time he

never got in sight of the enemy. He was in Captain Stump's rifle company. From Hampshire he was marched to Richmond and there joined the main army. He was discharged at Bottom Bridges in July, having attained the rank of sergeant. Instead of enlisting again, he cut out for home—he wanted to see his ma! In September, 1781, another company was drafted in Hampshire County, of which Thomas Neal was captain. This was for a term of three months also. Before the company got off Lieutenant Douthard complained of being sick and hired Nathan Lander as a substitute. There was some irregularity about the transfer of the title of "Lieutenant," but Nathan acted in that capacity and was present at the siege and surrender of Yorktown. He was discharged just before Christmas and immediately set out for home again. His war record was given by himself, when, on Aug. 20, 1832, he applied for a pension before the justices of the Breckinridge County Court. It is still on file there (1912). His brother Jacob, John Taylor, a clergyman, and Jonathan Morris, a farmer, were witnesses in the case, and there is no reason to doubt Nathan's military record, but he did not get on the pension roll.

When the time came for him to get married he thought no one would suit him quite so well as his cousin, Mary Skinner, so they were married, Nov. 23, 1786.

During the great exodus he moved to Kentucky and bought 100 acres of good land on Stoner Creek, not far from Winchester, and soon brought it to a fine state of cultivation. He was industrious, enterprising and successful as a farmer. He was well set up physically—large and strong and manly. He was filled with the spirit of adventure. He, with some kindred spirits, went on an expedition against the Indians as far north as the Great Lakes and was gone several months. At home he was quiet and unassuming, of fine sense and feeling, and was always deeply religious. For some years he was a Baptist, but when he moved to Breckinridge County, which he did in 1915, he united with the Methodist Church in order to be with his wife and children. His going to Breckinridge County was a bad thing for both Jacob and Nathan—neither of them got on so well. They got more land, but the soil was not so generous. They could not make it go, and in a short time their finances were in a deplorable condition. Nathan outlived all of his broth-



ers. His wife died Nov. 12, 1842. He lingered on till Sept. 9, 1854, aged 94 years. Four years before he died he rode on horseback to visit his relatives in Christian County. Unlike his brother Jacob, he lived to return home and was buried in Breckinridge County. He and Mary had three sons and four daughters, but at this writing their line is nearly extinct, as we shall see in a chapter devoted to their descendants.

The fourth patriarch was John. He was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1762. Unfortunately, his family record, which he kept with a great deal of care, has been lost, and the more is the pity, because he became a man of large affairs and doubtless there were many things recorded in that book that would have been of great interest to us all. He grew up on the leased farm and played soldier with the youngsters of the neighborhood. He was duly fired with the military spirit, but his father carried him to Hampshire County, and as he developed rapidly in size and strength he contributed largely to the development of his father's farm.

But farming was not altogether according to his liking. While still quite young he managed to get connected with the sheriff's office, and probably served awhile as deputy sheriff. His

children in their latter years got it into their heads that their father rode as a high sheriff for several terms. But that is like Charles' military record—it won't stand the searchlight of the "higher criticism."

John was but 15 years old when the family moved to Hampshire County. They remained there but sixteen years. That is hardly time enough for a 16-year-old lad to get himself elected sheriff. When I visited Romney in 1921 I searched the records carefully and could find nothing to show that he had ever acted in that capacity. But John did get some training about the Court House. He had a good knowledge of legal forms and procedure, and early became proficient in settling estates and was in that way a useful and trusted citizen. He got out a writ of attachment for his cousin, Sallie Skinner, twin sister of Nathan's wife. He served the writ in person and carried the young lady back to Hampshire County a captive and kept her in captivity many years. When he decided to move to Kentucky he chose the river route. They drove to Brownsville, Pa., and there bought or built a flatboat, put all their belongings aboard and leisurely floated down the Monongahela and Ohio rivers until they came

to Limestone Creek, where the town of Maysville, Ky., has since been built. He spent the winter at Washington, a village a few miles from the river, and the next spring they pushed on to Winchester. He bought a fine farm on Howard's Creek, close to town, which is now very valuable. His brother William was in partnership with him in that deal.

About the year 1815 the Green River section of Kentucky came into prominence. Some of the citizens went to spy out the land. They brought back glowing accounts, and many citizens of eastern Kentucky became restless and one by one the Lander brothers sold their places till only Charles was left, and he was buried at North Middletown, in Bourbon County. Of all that bunch Miss Rose Lander, of Flemingsburg, is the only remnant living in eastern Kentucky.

In 1817, Patriarch John sold out and moved to Christian County. He bought 580 acres of land of Elijah McCreary on Sinking Fork of Little River, about twelve miles west of Hopkinsville, for which he paid \$2,500. A number of relatives settled around him and they founded the village of Bellevue. For some reason the town did not grow, but died a-born-

ing and is now gone entirely. John was large and strong like his older brothers, and was in every way a man among men. He never made a profession of religion, but led an exemplary life and tried to point the right way to others. He was a member of the county court both in Clark and Christian Counties. Because of his familiarity with legal forms he was often engaged to write wills, deeds and other legal documents. He was a man of unquestionable integrity, and was frequently appointed to act as administrator and guardian for widows and orphans. It was often remarked that they always got what was coming to them when John Lander was their administrator. He seldom failed to attend court, often riding that twelve miles in all kinds of weather when he was physically disqualified. Indeed, his death was the result of such persistence. He was taken with chills and fever, but said that he could "throw it off" and rode into town on horseback. His son Samuel, hearing of this later in the day, followed him and found him sick abed at a hotel. A physician assisted in getting him home, but the sickness proved fatal and he died, Aug. 3, 1838. It is up to his descendants to find his grave and have it suitably marked. His wife



had died some years before. His death was a great loss to the community. He kept correct records of his own and other families, but, unfortunately, these have been lost.

John and Sallie did their duty to their country in the matter of reproduction. Had their descendants done as well, our family would now be useful and influential, but the way things are going we will be extinct in a few years. We have too many late marriages, too many bachelors, and too many parents with only one child. Something is wrong. John and Sallie had four sons and seven daughters. Where are the families with eleven children now?

William Lander, the fifth patriarch, was born on the "leased farm" in Loudoun County, Virginia, Feb. 22, 1765. He was but 10 years old when the Revolutionary War broke out and but 16 when it closed, and was not available as a soldier, but notwithstanding this all of his descendants may qualify as sons or daughters of the American Revolution, as we shall see. He lived with his brother John for some years and probably moved to Kentucky with him. He was well endowed physically and intellectually. He was fond of fine horses and could ride any-

thing that he could halter. He was particular about his personal appearance and doubtless his grandfather took great pride in making up his "Sunday jeans," and William was careful to keep them in order. "He was the 'dude' of the family—orderly and systematic about everything." So wrote his nephew Samuel, who knew him intimately. He was the soul of honor and enjoyed the confidence of a large circle of friends. For some time he was with a party of surveyors in eastern Kentucky and often met Daniel Boone and other pioneers of that day. In this way he became acquainted with Letitia Strode, whom he married, Sept. 27, 1791. Letitia was a Daughter of the American Revolution, and on this account we here insert a sketch of her family. It is given by Jeremiah Strode, of Texas, in a letter dated March 17, 1846:

"This information was received from my uncle, James Strode, of Berkley County, Virginia, and John Strode, of Culpeper, Va., who procured the records, A. D. 1791. Their coat-of-arms is 'The Sun, Moon and Seven Stars.' The mansion yet stands eleven miles south of Strasburg, in France. They were of the noble and ancient families belonging to the

Huguenots of France. They left their homes in the year 1356 and made their abodes in dens and caves in the Piedmont valleys of Italy until after the Romans were defeated at Toulouse by Lord Raymond, of Scotland. During the reign of Cromwell they went to England and had their names and arms recorded. Our great-grandfather chartered a vessel about 1616 and set sail for America. He died on the passage, leaving four sons—William, George, Samuel and Edward, the latter being my grandfather. He died in Berkley County, Virginia, 108 years ago. The other brothers went into Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia.

“Edward settled on Opequam Creek and built a stone fort, which is known in history as ‘Strode Fort Farm.’ Edward’s wife was Eleanor ———, and their children were: Susannah, Edward, James, Jeremiah and John, who was born Jan. 11, 1736. He married Mary Boyle (or Boils), who was born Feb. 22, 1739. John’s home was ‘Fleetwood,’ Culpepper County, Va. He was a patriot in that he furnished guns for the Virginia militia, and on this ground all of his descendants may qualify as sons or daughters of the American Revolution.

“John Strode moved to Kentucky in ——— and built Strode’s Station, near the present site of Winchester. He had twelve children: Elizabeth, Edward, Eleanor, Jane, Mary, John, Nancy, Susanna, Letitia, Stephen and Walter. John Strode, Jr., the sixth child, was born Sept. 25, 1763, and married Ruth Constant. They had fifteen children: John, James, Mary, Jeremiah, Sallie, Abigail, Stephen, Letitia, Nelson, Ann, Edward, Elizabeth, Constant, Martha and William.”

Samuel Lander wrote this to me in 1882 or thereabouts: “Letitia was a querulous and exacting mistress in her young married life, but she got religion later on and a great change came over her. In later life she was greatly afflicted with rheumatism and for many years was confined to her chair or bed. A negro boy was her constant attendant. He grew to manhood in her service. William made a profession of religion in early life, but deferred uniting with the church until he was about 65 years of age, and then joined the Baptists. His home was noted for its hospitality and several orphans found a refuge there. He moved to Christian County and bought of Chilton Allen 1,334 acres adjoining his brother John’s farm. The



price paid was \$5,336. He died July 13, 1834, and was buried in the family graveyard, which is a short distance from the dwelling. He had seven sons and five daughters, and his descendants are more numerous than any of the other tribes."

Henry, the sixth and youngest of the patriarchs, was born on the "leased farm" in Loudoun County, Virginia, Sept. 14, 1770. Probably Rebecca, the only girl in the family, was born after William. There was just time enough for her to come in there, and Henry and Hannah were very prompt in that particular. But for "some good reason which history cloaks," the girl's birth is not recorded. That was an ideal home for young children—a large farmhouse by the side of the Great Road with a mountain stream close by. Cannot we see them riding stick horses, kicking up the dust in the Great Road, wading in the tumbling branch and climbing apple trees in the orchard? Oh, dear me, would that those days might come back to us again! At 7 years of age little Henry climbed up into the wagon bound for Hampshire County and watched those familiar scenes pass forever from his view. Henry was the smallest of the brothers but robust and hardy

as any of them. He managed to secure a fairly good education for those days, though he was not a college graduate; neither was Lincoln nor Shakespeare and they loomed large notwithstanding. Henry married Ruth Littler, who was born March 11, 1776, and it was this love affair that detained Henry in Virginia sometime after his father and brothers had moved to Kentucky.

Ruth's father was Thomas Littler, a gentleman of the old school, who was possessed of a fine estate. We don't know when the wedding took place, but we guess that it was in the month of June, 1793. The guess is based on the fact that little Sarah came to live with them on Feb. 19, 1794, and they seem to have been very prompt about such family matters. Thirteen children arrived to gladden their home, but before the last one came Henry had gone home to glory.

It was near the close of the 18th century when Henry moved to Kentucky. Probably four of his children were born in Virginia. He settled first near Winchester, but after Miss Sarah married John Ashbrook, in 1815, the family moved to Christian County. There Henry bought 327 acres of fine land on the

Town Fork of Little River of Lem and Thomas Arbuckle, for which he paid ten dollars per acre. Here he lived and prospered.

He and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist Church and were accorded social recognition in all of the best families of the community. They were well settled in life and years of usefulness and happiness were in prospect, but suddenly the Reaper came and the patriarch was taken. His son, Russell, wrote from Paducah, Ky., Feb. 27, 1881: "He had two chills but did not think they were more than common. The day he died he arose as usual in the morning and went to a spring in the yard and bathed his head and face, which was his habit, ate his meals and seemed as well as anyone having chills. Late in the evening he was taken with a congestive chill and died at sunset."

Cut down in the prime of life, he left a wife and thirteen children to mourn his loss. He died Sept. 1, 1823, youngest of the Patriarchs, but the first to pass away. His wife died May 29, 1836. Their descendants are widely scattered. Some of them have been in California for many years, and have been greatly prospered, while an equal number are in the

coal fields of southeastern Ohio hopelessly submerged. For many years there has been no commerce between them. Indeed there seems to be a family mystery which none can penetrate.

“We shall know each other better  
When the mists have rolled away.”

## CHAPTER IV

### THE DESCENDANTS OF PATRIARCH CHARLES

The Patriarch Charles had seven children—all by his first wife. Their names were: Mary, Elizabeth, Henry, Rebecca, John, Margaret and William. These were all reared at North Middletown, in Bourbon County, Ky. The first four were born in Virginia before the exodus. Mary Lander was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, Feb. 12, 1782. She married Joseph Foreman, who was probably her cousin. She was a widow many years and died May 8, 1859. Like her mother, she had three sons and four daughters:

Isaac, born Nov. 2, 1800, and moved to Illinois at an early day and became wealthy for those days—the millionaire had not arrived except in the largest cities. Isaac died without



issue. Catherine married William Whaley, lived at Palmyra, Mo., and had some children.

Charles, born in 1803, married and had Catharine and Andrew. Pauline married Andrew Scott, lived at Cynthiana, Ky., and had: Robert, Emily, Charles, Mary Ellen, Joseph Foreman and Eliza. Elizabeth married Noah Bateman, lived in Fleming County, Ky., and had one son, Joseph, who married Ora Perkins, a Yankee schoolmistress. She was my teacher for a term or two. George Washington married a Miss Dudley of Flemingsburg, Ky. They lived at Ripley, O., many years. He was a rank abolitionist, taught negroes, and kept "a station" on "the underground railroad." He was "a low-down white man" in the estimation of many Kentuckians. But I remember that he nursed my father in his last illness! He died without issue. Emily married a Mr. Owen and died without issue.

Elizabeth Lander, born in Virginia, March 31, 1784, married John Spencer, of Bourbon County, Ky., and had four children: John Willis, married Nancy Alexander and had two sons, Benton and A. C. He lived to be an old man and died at Unionville, Ind. He was something of a historian and probably

left some interesting notes concerning his kinsmen. I strongly suspect that it was he that made such a mess of our Patriarch's military record. In his younger days he was in partnership with his uncle, John Lander, and they traded in hogs, mules and negroes. Later in life he repented, became an ardent follower of Alexander Campbell, dissolved partnership with his Uncle John, moved to Indiana and became a rabid abolitionist. I never heard that he freed any of his slaves!

Elizabeth married Horace Benton and had John, Charles and Emily. Catherine married her cousin, Joseph A. Lander, and had one child, Eliza, who married Ike Vansant and had a son, James Allen.

C. Flavius married Mary Mason, led a wandering life, leaving three sons, all of whom became lawyers.

Henry Lander, son of Charles, was born in Virginia, July 5, 1786, was reared at North Middletown and received such an education as was obtainable in the neighborhood, but grew to be a man of sterling integrity, honest, industrious and thrifty. He had one of the best farms on Cane Ridge. He once offered to give his farm to anyone who could find more

weeds on it then he could carry in his arms at one time. "But, unfortunately," wrote my Uncle Frank, "from taking his morning dram and the social glass, the drink habit fastened upon him, and though he struggled against it, he had commenced too late. That habit of my father gave me more trouble and more deeply blighted my young life than all other causes put together, and in consequence of my witnessing the terrible evils of intemperance around me, on the 4th of July, 1831, I declared I would never again touch it as a beverage, and that pledge I have been enabled to keep to this day."

We quote further from Uncle Frank: "My father was never a member of any church, but was rather a free-thinker or deist. I have heard him say more than once that he would give all that he was worth if he could sincerely believe the Bible to be true. I remember, however, that on one occasion, in the dead of winter, 1838, John T. Johnson, of the 'Reformation,' was conducting a meeting in North Middletown. He was a good reasoner and a fine declaimer. My father went to hear him and was powerfully wrought up and determined that, on the next day, he would join the church. He went the

next day in his sleigh, taking along a suit to be immersed in. But while he was in the church making his confession some one stole his clothes from the sleigh. When he made the discovery he got hopping mad and refused to join the church, saying: 'They are all a lot of damned rascals and I'll have nothing more to do with them.' Still I believe that he had more faith than he thought he had, for on his deathbed I heard him pray the Lord to have mercy on his soul." Probably the best thing Henry ever did was to marry Margaret (always called Peggie), daughter of Joseph Allen, who was a Presbyterian elder and a Revolutionary patriot, from Loudoun County, Virginia. She was an earnest christian from a line of Presbyterian elders running back more than 250 years. She was born Sept. 15, 1788, and she and Henry were married Dec. 10, 1807. Henry died June 14, 1841, and Peggie died April 21, 1853. They reared eight children, three sons and five daughters.

*Lavinia*, born Sept. 15, 1808. Married Joseph B. Kenney, March 8, 1827. They were respected citizens of Georgetown, Ky., for many years. Mr. Kenney was an elder of long standing in the Presbyterian church. They



reared nine children and the 10th was drowned in a cistern.

Margaret Ann, born March 5, 1828. Married Beri Glass. She had Victor and Beri died. Margaret was a widow many years, an earnest Christian, wealthy and benevolent. She married Rev. James H. Martin, D.D., a prominent Presbyterian minister, Aug. 3, 1883. She survived him also several years and died in great affliction.

James H., born May 6, 1830. Married Nora Graves. Had eight children.

Henry Lander, born Oct. 29, 1832. Died when nineteen years old.

Joseph F., born Aug. 31, 1834. Married a Miss Thomas, died in 1865, leaving a daughter, Emma.

Napolean B., born Oct. 28, 1836. Married Miss E. Rankin.

Sarah Francis, born April 11, 1839. Married Mr. Foree and had Margaret, Ina, Kenny, Victor and Alice.

Charles O., born March 12, 1841. Married Miss Grissom, was a widower many years, living with his sister, Margaret, at Georgetown.

Lavinia Alice, born April 11, 1843. Married

Samuel Davis. Had Elizabeth and Theophilus. Lived a widow many years.

Victor M., born Sept. 30, 1846. Married Agnes Warren. Moved to Larimore, Dak., and died, leaving Joseph, Warren, Annie, Lou and Sallie.

CHARLES FIELDING LANDER, born Jan. 28, 1810. He was reared on the Cane Ridge farm with little chance for an education. The "Three R's" was the extent of his curriculum, but he was a constant reader of current events, and was well informed for his opportunities. But with his father's example before him it is not surprising that he was never religiously inclined. But he was sober and industrious and one of the kindest and most charitable of men. Everybody loved Uncle Charles. His home was the orphans' refuge, and no one ever appealed to him in vain. He married Rosanna Herriott, Sept. 9, 1832, and shortly afterwards moved to Fleming County, having bought a small farm a little north of Flemingsburg. This he gradually enlarged until he had one of the finest estates in the county. He was a widower a number of years, then he married Rebecca Robnett, of Missouri in 1856. For some years he was in delicate health and the worry and fret of life

wore heavily upon him, and at length his mind gave way. I was with him at the last and saw him die on the 28th of May, 1870. It was like losing my father again. His second wife mourned for him a few years and was annexed by Joseph Tureman of Carlisle, Ky. She comforted him during his remaining days, and then she put on her widow's weeds again. But the "Sweet Chariot" swung low at last and carried "Miss Becky" to her home in glory.

The five children by the first wife were: Martha, born May 26, 1833; married Lewis H. Summers and died leaving four sons and one daughter, and these all died in childhood. Lavinia, born Jan. 14, 1835. With never a lesson in music, she could play the piano to the delectation of her many friends. Her merry laugh was wonderfully contagious. One of Uncle Charles' negro boys was a fine fiddler, and many a delightful dance was given in which Uncle Charles generally participated. Lavinia was married to James Cooper, March 10, 1870, and had a son, Charles, who married Mary Peed. He is a prosperous farmer and very fond of music. Lavinia died some twenty years ago.

*Ephraim Henry Lander* was born July 21,

1838, and died May 5, 1898. He made good use of his opportunities and acquired a good education, not a Yale graduate, to be sure, but enough to teach in the country schools, and to be county surveyor for many years. He might have been regarded as Fleming County's first citizen for a quarter of a century. He was deeply religious and for many years was a pillar in the Disciples' Church at Flemingsburg. He married Marietta Anderson, Dec. 6, 1860, and by her had two children. After her death he married her sister. She still lives in Flemingsburg. The children are as follows:

Rosa Lee, born Sept. 13, 1861. Whether from choice or otherwise, she has never married, but has devoted her life to teaching music and caring for her stepmother. She is an ardent member of the Disciples' Church and always ready for an argument. She is a typical Lander in appearance. Our immediate family still resembles "Peggie" Allen.

Edith Robnett was a teacher in the public school at Flemingsburg for many years. She was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends. She was a devout Christian and preferred her work as teacher to venturing on the untried sea of matrimony. She fell asleep in Jesus in 1912.

Edward, born of the second wife, July 2,



1869, died of apoplexy Dec. 29, 1894, and with him Henry's line became extinct.

Jennie, married Ollie Bright, a popular and successful attorney at Flemingsburg. She is one of the popular matrons of the old town and has three charming children—really Bright.

Mary, died in girlhood.

Ella, born June 15, 1880. For some years she taught in the Government Indian Schools. She loved her work. She loved the Indians. Eventually her affection centered upon one particular Indian. His name was Wasika, of the Chippewa tribe. He was born in Saginaw, Mich., or thereabouts, Aug. 15, 1882. His English name was William Moses. He was well educated and a proficient civil engineer. They married Sept. 15, 1913. But the big brave left for the "Happy Hunting Ground," May 2, 1917, without leaving a single papoose. Ella now has a position in the Interior Department at Washington, D. C., a clerk in the Indian office. Her marriage to the Indian was a great grief to her family, but they have gotten reconciled. They generally do.

May Frances, died of consumption; aged fifteen.

*Frank Whaley Lander* was born June 19,

1846, and died Aug. 4, 1898. He was a child of misfortune. When but a half-grown boy a leg was broken at the ankle by a vicious horse and that gave him more or less trouble the rest of his days. Later he had trouble with his eyes and was totally blind before he died. He sowed some wild oats in early life but settled down when he married Lizzie Hudson, a most estimable young woman. She did not live long after their marriage and in due course of time Frank married her widowed sister, Mrs. Nannie McIntyre. Before his death he was gloriously converted and united with the Presbyterian Church at Elizaville. He had three children:

*Charles Fielding, Jr.*, born of the first wife, Sept. 23, 1871. He grew up on a farm near Flemingsburg, but on attaining his majority he went out to take a peep at the big world. He was soon ensnared by a widow who was encumbered with several children. A bad case of incompatibility soon developed and the sacred tie was duly severed in the divorce court. Charley moped around for a while, taking little interest in life. But by and by the clouds rolled away and he was happily married to an eighteen-year-old lassie, unincumbered, and when last heard from he was in Lexington, Ky., manag-

ing a dairy for an orphanage and was enjoying a moderate degree of prosperity. But he is troubled with wanderlust.

James Hudson Lander, of the second wife, born Aug. 30, 1877; after his father's death the mother went to live at New Castle, Ind., and there James Hudson has lived ever since. For a while he did a profitable mercantile business there. Later he became an "angel of commerce." He married Margaret Bundy and has Elsie Janet, born July 19, 1909. The last of Frank's children is Lavinia Cooper. She was greatly afflicted with rheumatism and was a cripple for several years, but, fortunately, she recovered and is now happily married to A. R. Elliott of New Castle. Frank's second wife died in a Cincinnati hospital where she had undergone an operation for cancer of the stomach. Her remains were carried to Flemingsburg for interment.

JOSEPH ALLEN LANDER was born on the "Cane Ridge Farm" in Bourbon County, Ky., Feb. 25, 1812. He grew to be six feet, three inches tall and well proportioned. While still in his teens he fell into some bad habits and was considered a tough case, but he was happily converted and joined the old Donaldson Pres-

byterian Church about 1835. A great many folks got religion and joined the church in those days. Cholera was abroad in the land! He steadily grew in grace during the rest of his life. He was made an elder in the church at Flemingsburg. Later and until his death he was an elder in the church at Elizaville. Dr. Scudder, his pastor, wrote of him: "As a citizen few men in the community in which he lived enjoyed so universally its friendship and confidence. He had drawn around him a large circle of friends by his integrity, his genial disposition, his high Christian character and firmness of principle which would yield to nothing unmanly or wrong." He married his cousin, Kittie Spencer, March 13, 1834, and by her had Eliza, as already noted. After the death of his first wife he married my mother, Catherine O. Robnett, Sept. 26, 1842. She was a daughter of Moses Robnett and Maria L. Kenney. Moses was a soldier in the War of 1812. (I have one of the pistols he carried in that war.) My father owned a fine farm on Stoner Creek near Paris. About 1854 he sold that and bought a sightly place on the Maysville pike just north of Flemingsburg. He built a large house and a big fish pond between the house and



the pike. One of my earliest recollections is of the drowning of an Irish laborer in that pond. He was in bathing one night with several others. I have never since heard the frogs croak as on that occasion. Shortly afterward my father sold that place and bought the Bruce farm on Johnson Creek, two miles north of Elizaville.

Our residence on the Bruce farm was not for long. Father died Jan. 5, 1862, and my mother followed on March 13. Their remains were carried back to Bourbon County and interred in the Robnett family graveyard, where two of their children had already been buried. From the second marriage there were eight children:

Olivia Lander, born Aug. 3, 1844, married James Plummer, Aug. 3, 1869. They lived at Poplar Plains, Ky., and Pleasant Hill and Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Plummer was a commission merchant, dealing in horses, mules and cattle, but never had large success. They had three children—Claude, who married Nellie Evans; Ethel, who died of consumption when about 21 years of age; and Nannie Pearl, who married George Swineheart, had one daughter, Olivia.

Joseph Allen Lander, born April 5, 1846, was accidentally drowned when 6 years old.

Charles Franklin Lander, born Jan. 27, 1848, was accidentally drowned when 2 years old.

James Henry Lander, born near Paris, Ky., Jan. 28, 1850. He fell into a cistern and was almost drowned, but was rescued and resuscitated. On the death of his parents he lived with his uncle, James Robnett, near Paris. He was well brought up and was educated at a select school in Paris. It would have been better if he had received more education and studied law, for he was well endowed mentally and might have attained great distinction as a jurist, but he did not. On attaining his majority he went to California, then drifted back to Cherry Creek, Nev. His associates in that mining town wrought a demoralization from which he was a long time recovering. He was popular among the people and was elected justice of the peace and later sheriff of the county. There he met and married Mrs. Nellie Taylor, a widow, with a little daughter. She was a brilliant and capable woman and a Roman Catholic, but she renounced that faith and became a Presbyterian under the ministra-

tions of this writer. In 1888 they moved from Cherry Creek across the desert in a two-horse wagon to Hueneme, Cal., where I was then living. It was a memorable drive, and when they arrived they looked like they had come all the way!

Henry soon won for himself a host of friends and, though an ardent Democrat, was elected justice of the peace, which is a more important office in California than in some other states. The surprising thing about it was that he was elected by Republicans! He later moved to Los Angeles, where his wife died after a lingering illness. Her daughter married and was living in San Francisco. A demented man entered her house one day when she was alone and shot her to death, being unprovoked.

Henry for a number of years has been employed with a popular restaurant in Los Angeles. It has changed hands several times, but each changing administration has kept him in its employ, notwithstanding his increasing years. He has three children living:

Charles Allen Lander was born in Cherry Creek, Nev., Oct. 25, 1886. He had the advantage of a good public school at Hueneme, Cal., and made good progress in his studies, and

he later enjoyed fine facilities in Los Angeles. He might have qualified for almost any one of the trades or professions and he was not lacking in mental ability, but from being first assistant to his mother in the home culinary department, he developed into a high class *chef* and for some years he acted in that capacity for different club houses and hostelries. He was with the Elks some years in Los Angeles and later with a large hotel in Kansas City, Mo. He was at the latter place when we held our reunion at Cerulean Springs in 1921, and I urged him to attend and serve a dinner on that occasion, that we all might have an opportunity to test his proficiency, but I failed to prevail upon him. When but 19 years of age he met, wooed and won Miss Marie Updegraph, a young Missouri girl, whose father was a farmer near Bethany. He and his brother-in-law are now operating a meat market in one of the neighboring towns to Los Angeles. Sad to relate, though he has been married twenty years, there are no children to call him dad.

*Ella Maud Lander* was born at Hueneme, Jan. 21, 1893. She has been greatly afflicted with lameness from childhood, but notwithstanding this handicap she has become a popu-



lar pianist and for several years played for one of the big picture shows on Broadway, Los Angeles. At some time or other she married a Mr. Smith. I presume that my brother thinks that he gave me all of the particulars connected with the affair at the time, but he did not and has not yet. She now has a fine boy, whom she named Robnett Smith. That helps us to identify Mr. Smith, "father of Robnett." Ella Maud might be known as Mrs. E. M. Lander-Smith.

Henry's third child was born May 6, 1896, and was duly named David Robnett Lander. I wrote to the parents and accepted the honor conferred on me by giving my name to the new baby. That was fair and proper, for my wife and I had named our second son Henry. Well, I do not know how it came about, but they got to calling the baby "Bob"—everybody called him "Bob" at home, at school and throughout the community. "What's your name, son?" "Bob Lander." After awhile the lad thought that Robert was more dignified than "Bob," so he appropriated Robert. Then he thought that he ought to have a middle name and he became Robert Frank Lander. He went through the World War with that name. Rob-

ert F. Lander was performing stunts for the movies when Uncle Sam called him to the colors. He went into training at Camp Lewis, Washington. He made a fine record there, but, unfortunately, was taken sick with scarlet fever. He recovered from that finally, "went over there" and was in the thickest of the fight. He was painfully wounded in the Argonne battle, being struck in one of his thighs by a piece of a Hun shell, which caused an ugly wound about eight inches long. He was in the hospital in Florence for a few months until the wound was healed. It left no bad effect except that he can never enter the lists as a sprinter. He might run for Congress some day and be elected. Before going to France he had wooed and won Miss Florence Violet Small, an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ernest Small, the former a prominent merchant in Los Angeles. When he returned from the war he found her true to him, notwithstanding his limp, and on Jan. 4, 1921, she became Mrs. Robert Frank Lander. Some months ago, however, I had a letter from brother saying that he had found among his wife's papers an insurance policy which she had taken out for her infant son, David Robnett Lander, and he

wrote, "*I guess that settles the matter of his name.*" I do not suppose that it will require a special act of the legislature to unravel the tangle, but it might be well to remember this moral—do not nickname your children. David Robnett is still with the movie people, hoping, I suppose, to win a name or a fortune. We could wish that he were otherwise employed.

*David Lander*, born in Bourbon County, Ky., July 23, 1852. Both of my parents died when I was 9 and a half years old. The next six years of my life were spent in the home of my Uncle Frank Lander. He allowed me a loose rein and I soon became a veritable tough. The community afforded poor facilities for getting an education, so when I was 15 years old I left Uncle Frank and went to Flemingsburg and there fitted myself for Center College in the school taught by Rev. James P. Hendrick. I was partly converted about that time, joined the Presbyterian Church and became a candidate for the gospel ministry. My health failed completely while at college, and the next thing I knew I was principal of the public schools in Neosho, Mo. I joined the church, became superintendent of the Sabbath school, janitor of the church, sung in the choir and conducted

the prayer meetings when they had no pastor. For awhile I taught among the Cherokee Indians down in the "Territory"—Going Snake district. While there I organized a Sabbath school, which was largely attended. I also talked to the people and they called it preaching. During Christmas I visited Neosho. They were without a pastor at that time and invited me to talk to them on the Sabbath. I did so on two Sabbaths and went back to my Indian school. Pretty soon the church at Neosho invited me to become their pastor, and brethren of Ozark Presbytery urged me to accept the call and invited me to meet with the Presbytery. I accepted the call and at Springfield, Mo., April 28, 1875, I was licensed to preach the gospel. Six months later I was regularly ordained and, notwithstanding the serious handicap of ill health and scant qualifications, my friends say I have been a first-class third-rate preacher. In forty-eight years I served twenty-two churches. Because I have always written a legible hand I have been stated clerk of five different Presbyteries. I suspect that no Presbyterian minister in the world has a better record in that respect. I retired from the active work of the ministry in 1922.



I married Miss Ella Allin, daughter of Rev. Thomas H. Allin, Nov. 1, 1877. We have had four children: Annie Allin, who weighed 24 ounces, lived six months and died weighing six pounds; Joseph Allen, born at Malta Bend, Mo., in 1882. His mind early took a mechanical turn and soon he was proficient in handling gas engines and automobiles, and for some time was foreman for a large garage in New York City. While there he met Miss Elizabeth Wigton in a casual way and married her on a banter, "I will if you will." When they knew each other better they discovered more incompatibility than was conducive to conjugal happiness and in a short time the nuptial bonds were dissolved. His second matrimonial venture was made with just as little consideration. While managing a garage in Cordele, Ga., he was taken with a serious illness and was in a sanatorium for some time. Before he was entirely recovered he married one of the nurses, Anna Cara Jones, on March 9, 1911. They tried it out for six years and then—another divorce. Joe plays the cornet well and was in the Second Florida Regiment Band on the Mexican border in 1916. In the great World War he qualified as a marine engineer and crossed the ocean sev-

eral times, when his vessel was exposed to submarines and mines. He came through it all, however, and settled down at Avon Park, Fla., and seems to be prospering in the furniture and undertaking business. Best of all, he is now happily married to Miss Roberta Bass. They drove up here Feb. 1, 1923, and were married by me in the presence of both families and a few other friends. They have a beautiful home on a large lake. And the finest thing in that home is *Master Joe Allen Lander!* He arrived and took possession Jan. 11, 1925. We are all very proud of him. May the dear Lord spare him to live as long as our great ancestor, William, the tailor.

Thomas Henry Lander, born at Kings Point, Chattanooga, Tenn., March 22, 1886. He finished his grammar school course at Bradenton, Fla. He was two years at Maryville College, Tennessee. Took a course in textile engineering at Starkville, Miss., and was in the machine shops at Lowell, Mass. He found himself in a drug store at Easley, S. C. He graduated in pharmacy at Atlanta, Ga., and after a short apprenticeship he bought and conducted a good drug store at Avon Park, Fla. He made a big success with it, and just when



JOE ALLEN, GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON OF CHARLES









"JUST DAVID," GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON OF  
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we thought he was well settled for life he sold out—"lock, stock and barrel." He tried several other things for awhile and is now a traveling salesman for the Tampa Drug Company. He is really gifted in that line and is making a big success. He fell in love with Miss Mamie Stubbs, of Adrian, Ga., at first sight. He had just secured his first job after graduating in pharmacy at Dexter, Ga. Miss Stubbs was a teacher there. He saw her at church the first evening he was out. He inquired who she was and immediately began a vigorous courtship, and they were married by an ordinary in Dublin, Ga., Sunday, May 14, 1911. They have two children: *David*, born at Bradenton, Fla., July 15, 1914, and *Ella Maude*, born at Avon Park, Fla., July 18, 1916, both bright, intelligent children. Henry now has a beautiful home in Lakeland, Fla., and looks out upon life with an optimistic view. He is a Presbyterian, a little lukewarm, I'm afraid, but an enthusiastic Shriner and a jolly Elk. His wife shines brilliantly among the Eastern Stars.

Our youngest child was *David Lander*, born at Chattanooga, May 2, 1890. He stayed with us almost eight years, then suddenly the angels came and carried him home.

*Margaret Maria Lander*, born July 28, 1854. After the death of her parents she was tenderly reared by her Aunt Fannie Skinner. She took to nursing as a career and was eminently successful in her calling. She was called to nurse in a wealthy family in Louisville, Ky., by the name of Heyburn. They were so well pleased with her that they kept her in their home till her death. They became greatly attached to her, for she reared all of their children. They took her with them when they went to health resorts or traveled abroad. When her health failed they had everything done for her that love, science or money could do, and when she died, Sept. 29, 1916, she was buried in their lot in beautiful Cave Hill Cemetery at Louisville.

*Annie Blanche Lander*, born Feb. 12, 1858. She was reared in Uncle Charles' family, near Flemingsburg. In 1879, she went to live with her brother David at Malta Bend, Mo. She was a devoted Christian with an unusually amiable disposition, and passed peacefully to rest at Burlingame, Kan., Jan. 31, 1885.

Kate Allen Lander was born near Elizaville, Ky., Dec. 8, 1859. She was not old enough to remember her parents when they died. She was reared in Uncle Charles' family while he



lived, and followed the fortunes of his widow after his death. The widow married Joseph Tureman, of Carlisle, Ky., and Kate went to live with them. She married Hanson Kennedy, a promising young attorney, at Carlisle. Mr. Kennedy died in the prime of life, Dec. 12, 1903. Their only child, Marguerite, was born March 30, 1888. She married James W. Norton, of Carlisle, July 24, 1913. When the family decided that they would sell out and move to Florida, Marguerite was commissioned to go alone and select and purchase a home. After several days of investigation she purchased forty acres on Lake Parker, two miles north of Lakeland. There they have an attractive home, which has greatly increased in value. Mr. Norton, though seriously crippled, is a skillful civil engineer and has found constant and profitable employment in Lakeland. They are in a position to take a cheerful outlook upon life.

The next of Henry Lander's children was Sallie Ann, born Jan. 30, 1814, and married Frank Whaley, Feb. 12, 1835. They moved to Missouri and settled near Palmyra. It proved to be a good thing for them, for they gathered gear and flourished in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. Whaley died in 1894, and

his wife died shortly afterward. They had five children, all now dead: Charles Edward, married Medora Wilson; William Henry, married Willie Ann Nichols; John Tyler, died at 6 years of age, and Frank, died unmarried at 35 years of age.

*John Franklin Lander*, born March 30, 1816, and died Oct. 21, 1901. Like his brothers, he was reared on the Cane Ridge farm and followed farming all his life; but he missed his calling. He was endowed with fine mentality and was blessed physically, and under proper development would have made a man among men. His tastes were musical, poetical, literary and scientific. He was a Methodist, but not of the shouting variety. He was fond of discussion and encouraged debating societies. When the Civil War broke out he drilled the Union home guards, but later his sympathies were with the secession. A lifelong reader of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, he became an ardent Democrat. I lived with him during the war period, and when the alarm was sounded, "*The rebels are coming!*" my job was to get the horses into a thicket on the back part of the farm. Uncle Frank married Sallie Scott, who was of a wealthy and influential family. It is



JOHN FRANKLIN LANDER  
Descent: 1—William, the tailor; 2—Henry; 3—Charles; 4—Henry;  
5—J. Frank.





barely possible that he had an eye to business. They bought a farm near Mount Sterling, on the Maysville pike, but in 1857 he sold that and bought another in Fleming County, on the headwaters of Johnson Creek, four miles north of Elizaville and not far from his brothers Charles and Allen. At the close of the war he built a fine brick house close to the pike. The brick were made close by. I was just old enough and big enough to be an "off bearer" on the yard, and I did a great deal of hard work in those days. Uncle Frank lived to be 85 years old, and for many years had been the first citizen of the community. All of his children were unusually bright and attractive, but, sad to relate, his four sons died in childhood or youth:

*Charles William*, lived but two years.

*John Hedges* lived but seven days.

Joseph Henry lived eleven years, and died of tetanus.

Bettie Margaret was born Jan. 26, 1852, and died suddenly several years ago. She was a very superior woman. She was practically self-educated. She did have a few terms at Flemingsburg in a "college" that had only a brief and not brilliant career. But she was well ac-

quainted with the old farm and all of its fossils, trees, plants, flora, farm animals and all the birds. She read the high-class current literature, was active in Sunday school and church work, and was the personal friend of the whole neighborhood. She was a model housekeeper, and could beat everybody cooking in the whole countryside. Her corn puddings were especially famous. I am greatly tempted to give you her recipe for these. If you have never eaten a Kentucky green-corn pudding, a delightful experience awaits you. There I go, mixing up the commonplace with the sublime; but it is through no disrespect, for I loved Cousin Bettie as I did my sisters, and it will be all right with her, I know. Every one felt that he had lost a personal friend when she suddenly went home; the community has been the poorer ever since.

Lucy Porter Lander was born Sept. 23, 1861. She received a first-class education at Millersburg, Ky., and taught in various schools a number of years. She married Prof. W. D. McClintock, who for many years has been connected with the Chicago University. His wife has done considerable literary work and has several books to her credit. But, better than

that, she is the devoted mother of four children: Lander, Paul, Hilda and Elizabeth.

*Fannie Lou*, born May 31, 1864. She had exceptional opportunities for acquiring an education, and then she had the companionship of her sister Bettie, which was worth more to her than a dozen colleges. She married L. C. Demaree, son of a Methodist minister. They were the last to leave the old farm in Fleming County. Fannie has always been interested in politics. When that was in vogue she was a suffragist picket in front of the White House at Washington during Mr. Wilson's administration. For several years they owned a home near Laurel, Md., a suburb of Washington, D. C. There Mr. Demaree passed peacefully to rest, May 23, 1925. They had no children.

*Frances Lander*, born May 20, 1821, married Isaac Skinner, Jan. 2, 1845. She was a natural born aristocrat, and a finer woman never lived. Mr. Skinner had a fine estate on the turnpike, midway between Winchester and Mt. Sterling. My recollection of Uncle Ike is that he was a very soft-spoken man and was the most even-tempered man I ever knew. They prospered greatly, built a fine large brick house on the pike and entertained royally. They

were genuine Presbyterians of the old school. Uncle Ike was an elder for many years and chief supporter of the country church nearby. They had six children: Phinehas, who succeeded his father in the management of the farm and in the eldership of the church. His son Lander owns the old place now. Isaac, who is a widower with two sons, living at Grandview, Ore.; Alice, who married Tom Somers and died without issue; Joseph H., who became a Presbyterian minister, was educated abroad, and died while pastor at Talladega, Ala.; Cornelius, who has been a prominent physician in Louisville, Ky., for many years; Allen, who died of consumption when about 24 years old, and Aunt Fannie, who died at the age of 87 years.

Catherine Lander, born Aug. 19, 1824, married Samuel Boone, of Missouri, who, like all the Boones, was related to Daniel. I will not stop to figure out the connection; it would be of no advantage to Daniel. But they were married on the fifth Sunday in March, 1856; now you may do some more figuring. Catherine died in 1872, and her two daughters returned to Kentucky and married near Mt. Sterling.

Rebecca Lander, born July 27, 1827, mar-



ried John William Scott, brother of Uncle Frank's wife, Jan. 6, 1848. They owned a fine place near North Middletown. Mr. Scott's mind became unbalanced and he committed suicide in 1878. Rebecca was a widow many years in Winchester. They had nine children: Margaret, married G. T. Bradley and lives in Winchester; Fannie, who died young; Joseph Franklin, who has a family at Ashland, Mo.; Kate, married J. W. Nagle, and died, leaving a son, Philip, in North Dakota; Charles, who died without issue; Alice, who died in 1885; Bettie, who died in 1888; Robert Lee, a cripple, died in 1891; Lavinia, always called Lou, has been an efficient clerk in a dry goods store many years and deserves a hero medal for assisting her family through so many trials and misfortunes. She is known and loved by all the worthwhile people in Winchester.

*John Lander*, son of Patriarch Charles, was born March 13, 1791, near North Middletown. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. On Jan. 27, 1814, he married Sophia W. Cogswell. He made no profession of religion; he left that entirely with his wife, who was a devout Methodist. He devoted his time very energetically to the pursuit of the almighty dollar. As

already noted, he was in partnership with his nephew, Willis Spencer, and traded in mules, hogs and negroes. His cousin, Samuel Lander, wrote that he also operated a distillery, but that has been disputed. The firm of Lander & Spencer began having qualms *re* the slave traffic, so they dissolved the partnership and turned abolitionists. Spencer moved to Indiana, and John Lander moved to Vermilion County, Illinois. He bought a large farm and built a large brick house to accommodate his rapidly increasing family. His wife bore him eighteen children, the last of which was posthumous. John died suddenly of cholera morbus, and most of his children died without issue. They were: Elizabeth, born 1814, married John B. Thomas and reared nine children at Homer, Ill. One of them was postmaster at Homer many years. Joseph C., born March 28, 1816, married Rachel Strong, January, 1838. He was a Methodist in religion, a Whig in politics, and followed teaching, farming, merchandising, and was sheriff of DeKalb County for several years. He died at the age of 37 years, leaving a son and two daughters. Josephine died in childhood. Marshall Strong, born March 7, 1849. He served in the federal army during

the Civil War. He was in the first Indiana Heavy Artillery, Twenty-first Volunteers. The war broke into his education and consequently he was "no scholar." But he was a devout Methodist, and consistently Republican. He lived in a day and country of opportunity, but gathered little gear. Like many another old soldier, perhaps, he was satisfied to live on his pension. He died at the Old Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill., Feb. 3, 1915, and was buried there. He left three sons and two daughters. It devolves upon these three sons to perpetuate the name of their grandfather's large family: Nora, born March 7, 1879, married Richard Rogers, lives at Lawrenceville, Ill., and has six children—Ruby, Harry, Gilbert, Ruth, Jennie and Paul. Frank, born Jan. 1, 1880, married Jennie Brown, lives at Wellington, Kan.; Adah, married Neal Young, lives at Lawrenceville, Ill.; Joseph, born March 25, 1885, married Miss ———, lives at Collison, Ill., and has two children, Regina and Neal; Howard, born May 13, 1892, was in the World War "over there," and now lives at Lawrenceville, Ill. Charles I died in infancy. Charles II grew to manhood in the state of Illinois,

went to Louisiana and married a planter's widow. The last that was heard from him was in 1843. His wife had just died of yellow fever and he feared that he would contract it also. He wrote of having a son and a daughter named Catherine. Margaret married William Elliott. Her three children died young. John, born Sept. 20, 1821, married Lucy Bowles. She died, and he married Kate Slinkhard. Each wife bore him a son, but both died in infancy. Nora, a daughter by the second marriage, lived alone in Bloomfield, Ind., for many years, but later married Charles H. Markel and lived at Washington, Ind. A letter addressed to her recently was returned unclaimed. John was a merchant at Homer, Ill. He was a Lutheran, and died while in the Union Army in 1863. Catherine married James S. Wright, a prosperous merchant of Homer, Ill. He was elected to the legislature and later to the Senate on the Republican ticket. They had four children: James, Jessie, Minnie and Kate G. Catherine, the mother, was a staunch Presbyterian. William died of consumption. James H. and Henry both died in infancy. Frances D., when 36 years old, married Andrew D. Way. Mr. Way was first a teacher,



then a lawyer, and became a prominent and useful citizen. They had a daughter, Ada B., who lived at Champlain, Ill. I have made diligent efforts to locate her, even advertised for her, but all in vain. Mary Ann Sophia survived with all that name and married W. H. Webber, having had a son and a daughter, but both died in infancy. Celia died of measles at the age of 18 years. Willis Spencer, born April 16, 1831. When he became of age he started for Oregon with the intention of buying land. He got as far as Sacramento, Cal., and died of smallpox in a hotel kept by his cousin, a Mr. Hancock. Juliet died of pneumonia, aged 20 years. Lavinia, born Jan. 8, 1834, married J. Willis Jefferson, a successful business man. They moved to Denver and had two sons and a daughter. Helen M. died of pneumonia, aged 18. Mortimer, the posthumous child, died in infancy.

Margaret, youngest child of Patriarch Charles, born Oct. 19, 1793, married Samuel Talbott, a prosperous and prominent citizen of Bourbon County. They had four children: *Charles DeMoville* married Emma Rice, and had seven children, Anna, Margaret, Mary, John C., Charles, Florence and Roger H. *Samuel Henry* married Anna E. McMil-

lan and had two children, William and Robert, the later a prominent attorney at Paris, Ky. John Talbott died at 15. Enfield married I. N. Fry and had four children, John, James, Margaret and Anna.

*William Martin Lander*, son of Patriarch Charles, was born Aug. 18, 1796. Like his brother Henry, he became overfond of "booze," but it took longer to kill him. He lived to be 79 years of age, whereas Henry got off at 55. Henry's drinking did not interfere greatly with his success as a farmer, but William failed to make good in an age of opportunity. But, notwithstanding his dissolute life, he was able to annex three worthy wives in succession. The first was Sallie Whaley, whose brother Frank married a daughter of William's brother, Henry. In 1825 William went to Missouri to visit his wife's relatives. He liked the country and the liquor so well that he decided to settle there. His inability to buy a return ticket may have had something to do with his remaining. His wife died in 1836, and shortly afterward he returned to Kentucky to find her successor. It took him eight years to stalk the quarry. She proved to be Martha Hughes, a very worthy woman. She bore him a son, but

before he was 6 years old the angels came and carried the mother away. That was in 1849. Instead of joining the mad rush to California in search of gold, William felt that it was his bounden duty to find a mother for his son. He got busy and in less than a year he had annexed Eliza Davis. In some particulars Eliza was not quite up to the standard, but perhaps the best that William could do under the circumstances, for he was then somewhat run down at the heel. William's progeny is more numerous than either of his brothers. None of them have as yet found a place in the Hall of Fame and probably never will, for their legacy has been one of poverty, sickness and sorrow.

Benjamin Foreman Lander was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, Sept. 12, 1819. He inherited a weak constitution and was an invalid all his life, most of which was spent at farming and teaching in Missouri. He was a devoted member of the Disciples Church. He married Virginia Naylor, Nov. 15, 1849. She bore him seven children and survived him thirty-eight years. He died in 1880. Their first child was Mary Virginia, born in 1850, and probably never had a well day in her life. Her lot has been that of a bed-ridden invalid. She is



a sweet, patient Christian, and much interested in our family history. She has furnished about all of the data I have obtained concerning their large connection, and it was mostly written when her body was wrenched with pain. Sometimes it was a little difficult to decipher her writing, but her letters never fail to interest me. She lives at 1936 Webster Avenue, Fresno, Cal. Elizabeth D., born in 1852, married John D. Stillson and lived in Stone County, Missouri. They have four children—Clara, Arthur, Lola Lee and Ruby Ray. *Charles E. Lander* was born May 28, 1854. He has been a carpenter and contractor at Fresno, Cal., for many years. His first wife was Elizabeth Craven, by whom he had five children—Mary L. married G. G. Willey and has two children, Kenneth and Elizabeth; Beth Lee married George T. Orr and has one child; Rosa Idra, born 1890, married William Angel, there being no issue; Edward C., born Oct. 3, 1892, was a bugler in the 364th Infantry, 91st Division, World War, was “over there,” but got home whole and fit for railway service. He surprised his folks by marrying the widow of his cousin, Leslie P. Lander. She brought to him also a son, born July 18, 1917, bearing his father’s name.



Jesse Kenneth Lander, son of Charles E., born Aug. 31, 1894. He also was "over there" ten months with Headquarters Troop, 40th Division. Charles E.'s first wife died Oct. 21, 1896. His mother and invalid sister kept house for him twenty years. Jan. 31, 1919, he married Mrs. Kathryn Hickerson, an educated and accomplished widow of Moberly, Mo. Benjamin Alexander Lander, born March 3, 1856, married Ella Hulse, April 26, 1877. He and his family reside in Stone County, Mo. His postoffice is Baxter, but he lives a long way from Baxter over a road on which no work is ever done except to blaze a detour when a squatter chooses to fence in the old road. But "B. A." seems to be well satisfied with his surroundings. I know all about that southwestern Missouri country. But, after all, there is a strange beauty about it. It inspired Harold Bell Wright to send out some "best sellers" into the literary world. But I think "B. A." did his family an injustice to stick them off into that godforsaken country! How much better it would have been if he had located in a prosperous community with business, educational and religious advantages. Well, if they are satisfied the rest of us ought to be. "B. A." has three children:

Albert Benjamin, born Dec. 1, 1879, married Dora Andoe, July 14, 1905. His wealth consists largely of four children—Oliver E., born May 27, 1907; Elmer, born Jan. 19, 1909; Clyde, born Nov. 20, 1912, and Sylvia, born May 14, 1917. The next one of “B. A’s” children is Elmer E., born Dec. 13, 1882. He also is trying to wrest a living out of those flint hills. For a helpmeet he married Susan C. Belyen. They have five children—Maggie M., born April 12, 1907; Elizabeth V., born April 5, 1910; Lulu J., born Feb. 17, 1912; Mildred F., born Oct. 11, 1914, and Lola M., born Jan. 18, 1918.

Lola V. Lander, born in 1884. She prefers the shelter of her father’s home to venturing on the matrimonial sea.

*William S. Lander* was born Sept. 16, 1858. No amount of pleading has ever enabled me to pump a word out of him. I have incidentally learned that he married Miss Manerva Brash-ear, Oct. 25, 1892; that they have lived in Healdsburg, Cal., for a number of years; that he is a contractor and builder, or just a plain carpenter. It has been hinted around that they have a number of interesting children: Willie Bernice married V. M. Richard and they had

two children, Irene Clifton and Vivian Shirley.

Benjamin F. Lander, Jr., was born Sept. 12, 1895. He is well set up physically, but was rejected at the recruiting station in wartime on account of rupture, but that does not interfere with his carpenter work.

Martha Nadine, born June 15, 1900. Just about the time of her graduating from the high school she answered a letter that I had written to her father. I congratulated myself on the find, but before I could hear from her again she had married Elmer N. Frey and had a baby 15 months old. They have named her Shirley Jane. They are living near Santa Rosa, Cal. Graydon Sonoma Lander was born Jan. 28, 1903. He is satisfied with life on the farm and is perhaps a little shy of the girls. Nadine fears that he is a confirmed bachelor. Franklin Brown Lander was born June 30, 1905, and that is all that I have heard about you, my son! Get busy and we will have you in the next revision. *John Whaley Lander* was born near Palmyra, Mo., March 7, 1861. He married Lucy Mary Baker. He lives in Fresno, Cal., and works at the carpenter's trade. If it were not for his invalid and afflicted sister, nobody would have known of his existence. His family

record is not well kept. I wish I had an up-to-date record. Their first born was Leslie B., born June 23, 1891. He grew to manhood and married an attractive young woman, who, when or where I never learned. In due course of time a baby came to gladden their hearts. They named him for his father, Leslie B., Jr., July 18, 1917. Then the father, after some years, sickened and died, or it may have been that he met with some accident that cut him down. The widow carefully guarded her son alone till he was nearly 8 years old. Then Edward C. Lander, cousin of Leslie, was closely drawn to the widow and child, proposed, and was accepted in place of the dear departed. Let us hope that they are all happy now. Mary Kathleen was born July 1, 1897. She is now 28 years old, and many things may have happened in the meantime, but I have heard nothing. The same is true of Jerry, who was born July 9, 1898, now a young man in the prime of life. What are your prospects, son? Get a good common school education, more if you can; learn how to do something better than anybody else, marry the right kind of a woman, and you will make good all right. And there is Bettie Mitchell, born Sept. 26, 1903. What wonders and pos-



sibilities are there! Just the right age to get married. That is what my wife was when we jumped the broomstick! Well, daughter, qualify yourself to fill some honorable position in life. It may be to be the wife of an honest man, the noblest work of God. That is a position that any woman may well be proud of.

The last child of Benjamin F. Lander was Anna Cora, born 1864, who married R. L. Davis and has five daughters: Effie, Virginia, Mabel, Maggie and Lelia. The second child of Uncle Bill was Enfield. She died in infancy. Then Charles E., the third and last child by the first wife, was born in 1823 and died of tuberculosis in 1846. Then came *William Henry*, by the second wife, born in 1843. He was a bright and promising boy. He joined the Confederate Army, under John Morgan, and was drowned while attempting to ford the Ohio River in 1863. Then comes John Dudley, son of the third wife. He was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and reared in the neighborhood of North Middletown. It was a poor place to educate a child in those days. When a young man he moved to Missouri, and married Miss Clementine Gentry in 1881. He has lived at Fulton, Mo., for some years. They have six

children: Annie E. married Charles Harris and has four children: Lottie, Charles, Nellie and Floyd. Charles E., born July 22, 1885, is now a vigorous young man at the age of 40. He married Cornelia Hughs. He endeavors to make a living in a coal mine. Virginia was born in Fulton, Mo., and married Robert L. Harris, probably a brother of Charles, and has one son, John. Lavinia was born May 7, 1893. Harvey S. arrived May 22, 1896, and Grace M. brought up the rear June 6, 1900.

The last of Uncle Bill's children was Simon Crutchfield, born near North Middletown, June 15, 1854. Like his brother Dudley, he had slight educational advantages and grew up at a time when his father was unable to give him the care that he should have had. After his father died he went to Missouri and established himself at Thompsons Station, near Mexico. He married Miss Mary Thompson. I do not know whether she was a daughter of the founder or not; at all events, she was the mother of four children: William M., Jr., born Jan. 10, 1882, married Fannie Holland and lives at Fayette, Mo., and has one daughter, Leah Louise, born March 5, 1915; Francis Martin, born Jan. 7, 1918; *Claud Franklin*, born Sept.

25, 1883, married Leola Saunders, at Bloomington, Ill., and now reside at Mexico, Mo.; Mae Frances was born Christmas day, 1884, and was married Nov. 23, 1910.

Robert Benjamin Lander was born July 6, 1891. Uncle Sam called him to the colors during the World War. He "went over," acquitted himself honorably and returned.

This completes the record of the descendants of the Patriarch Charles. He has living one grandson, who is only in his 75th year. There are 10 great-grandsons, 18 great-great-grandsons and 7 great-great-great-grandsons; total, 36. The tribe is barely holding its own. There are several great-great-great-grandsons who ought to get married, and some that are married and have one or two children ought to do better. Read the first chapter of I Samuel, and pray as Hannah did. It might be well also to take several bottles of Harter's iron tonic. It will do you no harm, certainly, but possibly a great deal of good.

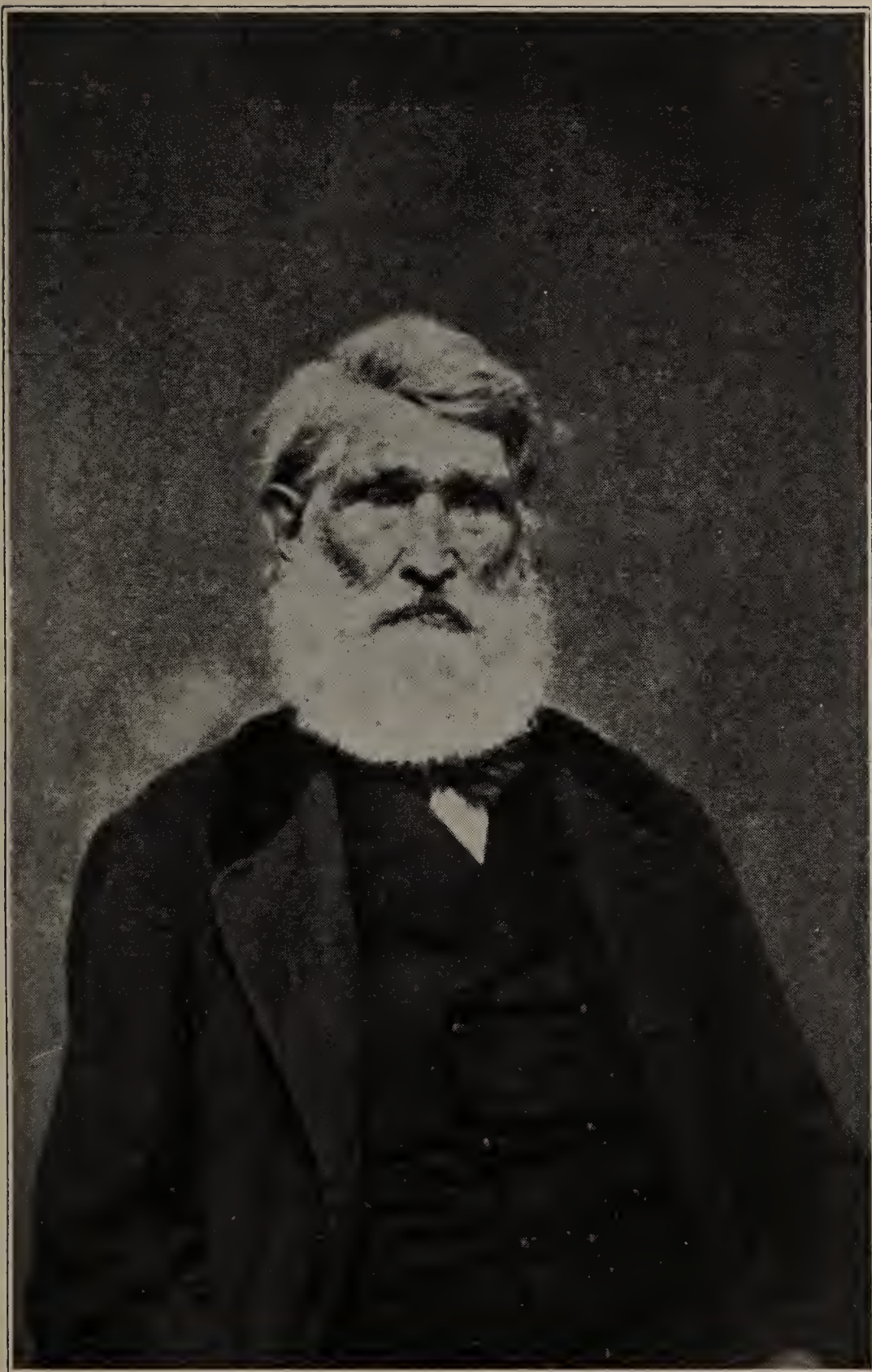
## CHAPTER V

## DESCENDANTS OF THE PATRIARCH JACOB

Unfortunately, we have been unable to secure a certified copy of the record of Jacob's family. We had to guess at the date of his birth and we put it in October, 1757. He married his cousin, Catherine Ashbrook, Oct. 1, 1780, and that was the best day's work he ever did, and all of his descendants should applaud his choice. The indications are that she was a woman of culture and good sense. She was an intelligent mother. None of her children died in infancy. Her girls were well reared and married well. We have learned on good authority that they had four sons and six daughters, but we have not even the order in which they arrived, except that Levi was the first-born. We will dispose of him first, and the others will follow in the order given by Charles, the son of Levi, in his old age.

LEVI ASHBROOK LANDER, named, evidently, after his mother's father, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, July 20, 1781, when Jacob was living in a shack on his father's farm. When about 15 years of age his parents moved to Kentucky and, naturally, Levi went along.





LEVI LANDER  
Taken when about 60. Son of Jacob.



He was reared on a farm near Winchester, and doubtless helped his father in the mill and caught many a string of fish from the classic waters of Stoner Creek. His education was not altogether neglected. His mother, being well versed in the rudiments, was probably his principal teacher, and he received enough "book larnin'" to enable him to shine as "Prof. Levi Lander" in those early days. He followed the profession until his sight and hearing failed and he was obliged to give it up. He taught in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and possibly a few terms in Arkansas, for two or three of his sisters married well-to-do citizens of that state and Levi visited them, and I have got it into my head that he did some teaching there. The houses in which he taught were doubtless of the prevailing type for those days, built of logs, with puncheon floors and benches, and the teachers boarded around among the patrons.

Levi was a devout Methodist for many years, but when he was past 80 years of age and in his dotage, a Campbellite preacher persuaded him that he must be "dipped" or be damned, so he was immersed.

Levi was familiar with the early history of our family. The venerable tailor lived several

years after his birth, but died before he became interested in such matters. He did become interested later, and I have heard of his writing at least two scraps, but I have never been able to overtake either of those scraps or the persons to whom they were entrusted.

The first move I made to unravel our history was in August, 1882. I heard that there were some persons bearing our name in Mexico, Mo. I was then living within a hundred miles of that place, so I went down and found Mrs. Mary Luckie and a daughter-in-law of Levi Lander, but I was just ten years too late to see Levi. He had gone to his reward, Jan. 1, 1872.

He married Matilda Lindsay, of "Old Vincennes." They had three daughters and one son. Two daughters died in infancy. In 1819 his wife died in Breckinridge County, Kentucky. In 1835 he moved with his brother to Knox County, Illinois. When he could no longer teach school, on account of deafness, he managed his brother Henry's farm. Later he lived with his son, Charles, at Mexico, Mo., and there died, as stated above. He never gathered much gear in this world—school teachers rarely do—but he lived nobly, notwithstanding.

*Charles Lander*, son of Levi, was born in



“Old Vincennes,” Oct. 16, 1816. After his mother’s death he lived some years with his grandparents in Kentucky. They died when he was nearly grown. He then lived with relatives in Christian County, and there served five years as tailor’s apprentice and followed that business till he was too old to work at it longer. He went to Knoxville, Ill., and married Mary Rude in 1837. In 1856 he moved to Mexico, Mo. He was not successful in business there, and the passing years brought only failure and disappointment. In 1870 he was down and out and, leaving his family to shift for themselves, he went to California to seek his fortune. He met with ill success, and after years of fruitless toil and wandering he returned to his family in Missouri. Meanwhile, his wife had succeeded in keeping the children with her and educating them in a creditable manner. After the death of his wife, Charles went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Grabill, at Roseland, Neb. He died there in 1906. He joined the Methodist Church late in life. His children are as follows: *Eugene Lander* was born in Knoxville, Ill., in 1838. He was a wayward youth and forsook his home in early life and became a wanderer in New Mexico, Arizona and California. In 1890

he married Margaret Arnold, and died at Santa Rosa, Cal., leaving the widow and a daughter, Ruth. *Imogene* and *Margaret* died in infancy. Henrietta married Thomas Claypool in 1873 and was living in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1911. She had eight children: Fred, Nellie, Mabel, Charles, Frank, Richard, Thomas and Jesse. Charles, Jr., was in the Confederate Army and was killed in battle at Franklin, Tenn. Mary died unmarried at the age of 25. Sarah, born in August, 1856, graduated at Harding College for Girls, at Mexico, Mo., and married John Grabill. He was a successful farmer, and they reared a splendid family at Roseland, Neb. They now live in a beautiful home in the beautiful city of Hastings, Neb., at 757 N. Kansas street. Their children are: Lynn W., Charles P., John Lander, Gladys, Ruby and Richard, who was born in 1877.

*William Polk Lander* was born in Mexico, Mo., May 28, 1858. We met in 1882. He was then a very diffident young man, clerking in a hardware store. He was rather a fine looking young fellow with good business capacity, but about as uncommunicative as he could be, but a year later he mustered up sufficient courage to ask Emma Runner to be his wife. We do

not know how he managed it. Perhaps he found her one day when she was just about run-down and he thought to himself, now is the time to "Lander," and he did. She thought that it was better to be a Lander than a perpetual runner. They were married Sept. 11, 1883, and a half-dozen children came to live with them; but, to economize on talk, they were all given short names: May, Dot, Lee, Roy, Myrtle and Pearl!

But W. P. was evidently a moving citizen in his younger days, for but two of his children were born in the same place. He lived awhile at Bentonville, Ark. He later moved to Washington and finally settled in Spokane. I had obtained that much of W. P.'s family history from his sister, Mrs. Grabill, and utterly despaired of ever hearing a word from him, but last spring I thought I would fire a farewell shot at him, and my last pleading "fetched him." I got a good letter from him, dated March 24, 1925, in which he tells us all about his children. May, born July 10, 1884, married T. E. Bonine in 1904. They have three sons and one daughter living. Dot was born in April, 1886, and married J. A. Anderson in June, 1911. They have a son and daughter living and one daughter dead. *Lee Lander*

was born in October, 1887. He served in the World War in France eighteen months. He married in February, 1922. He is a mechanic and lives in Cleveland, O. *Roy Lander* was born in August, 1890. He served in the World War thirteen months. He contracted tuberculosis and died in San Diego, Cal., in June, 1922. He also was a mechanic. *Myrtle* was born in September, 1894, at Reardon, Wash. She married B. B. Beck in 1904, and has two boys. Pearl was born in April, 1889, at Spokane, Wash., and married Milton Fletcher in June, 1918. They have one son. William P. has resided in Spokane, Wash., since 1889. If ever we pass that way again we will call on him at 06007 Seventh Street.

Matilda Lander, daughter of Levi, was early deprived of her mother's care. She was with her grandmother for several years and later lived with the Patriarch William in Christian County, Kentucky. Later she went to Knoxville, Ill. There she met and married Joseph *De La Barre*. He was a dentist, but a vain and worthless fellow, and finally abandoned his wife, with several children to care for. Gertrude De La Barre married a Mr. Officer, who died, leaving her with three sons to care for. They were







HENRY LANDER, SON OF JACOB  
Taken when about 68 or 69 years of age.

Charles Lander, Thad and Reamor. Gertrude managed to secure a good education and was a competent and successful teacher. She taught several years at Pittsburg, Kan., in the public schools. She had one of the narratives written by Levi Lander, which I have previously mentioned, but when I finally located her she was in her grave, and all hope of finding the narrative was abandoned. She died in Colorado from falling on an icy pavement, causing a clot on her brain.

*Charles Lander*, second son of Jacob, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, and was a small child when his parents moved to Kentucky. He moved to Breckinridge County and finally to "Old Vincennes," and died unmarried at the home of his brother, Levi.

*William Lander*, son of Jacob, died unmarried, age unknown.

*Henry Lander*, son of Jacob, was born in Clark County, Kentucky, May 10, 1801. He became somewhat famous as a cabinetmaker. He made this the chief business of his life, though he did a little farming on the side. The county clerk's office of Breckinridge County, Ky., gives us a bit of interesting history. Henry Lander and Martha A. H. Cleveland

wanted to get married, but Henry was under legal age, and a written permit, signed by Jacob Lander, Henry's father, was required. The signature of Jacob Lander is attested by Sally Cleveland, who was Jacob's daughter. Henry Lander and Jesse Cleveland having executed a bond, the license was issued April 25, 1821. On the 8th day of May, 1820, Jesse A. H. Cleveland secured a license to marry Miss Sally Lander, and Henry Lander is surety on the bond. Because of the wholesome influence which the infusion of her blood has had upon our family, I am sure that we *will all be pleased to see her face in our picture gallery.*

With a family of eight children and more to follow, Henry moved to Knox County, Illinois, in 1835, and bought a large farm near Knoxville. He did not succeed well as a farmer, so he rented all his land except what his boys and his brother, Levi, could work, and betook himself to cabinetmaking again, in which he was eminently successful. Occasionally yet pieces of furniture that Henry Lander made 100 years ago are sold at fabulous prices.

Lucinda Lander, seeing so many children in the neighborhood in ignorance, opened a school in her home, caring for her own babies at the





JESSE A. H. CLEVELAND AND LUCINDA CLEVELAND



same time. Later a little log school house was built close by, in which Uncle Levi taught several years. When not teaching he helped the boys work the farm, raising corn, hemp, flax, etc. They also made quantities of rope, for which they found a ready sale in St. Louis, Mo.

Henry finally moved to Galesburg, Ill., in order that his boys might have a collegiate education. Later he moved back to Knoxville, Ill., and worked at his trade till he died in 1861. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Baptist Church, and they lived so well that the world was the better for it. They were gifted intellectually, mechanically and musically, and this legacy was transmitted to their children. Their children were:

*Thomas Lander*, born at Hardinsburg, Ky., Oct. 16, 1822. He was 13 years old when the family moved to Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life. He worked on his father's farm when he was obliged to, but his tastes did not lie in that direction. He received a liberal education and studied both law and medicine. He practiced the latter for a short time, but gave it up and eventually took up painting, at which he was moderately successful. He was not a church member, though religiously in-



clined. He was a strong Democrat and an alderman in Knoxville, Ill., for many years. He married Helen Miller, and died June 2, 1905. His wife was still living in 1910. Their children are: Nellie, born and reared in Knoxville, Ill., married Edwin Evans, of that place. They lived five years on a homestead in western Nebraska, but now live in Denver, Col. Lucinda, born Feb., 1860, married Sidney Stocking. She has two daughters. When last heard from they were living at Herscher, Ill. *Frank Lander*, born in Knoxville, Ill., in 1862, was well educated and worked with his father at painting. He was capable and might have done well, but he decided to put in a crop of wild oats and became a wanderer on the face of the earth. In July, 1882, he married Lila Watson, and lived at Ottumway, Ia. By this wife he had a son, and three years later they were divorced. He married again and lived with the second wife a year or so and then deserted her. For several years he lived in New Mexico. For awhile he was at Lowell, Ariz., and at last accounts he was at Tucson, Ariz., dealing in mining stocks, etc. His son, Guy Robert, was born March 4, 1884. He was reared by his grandparents in Knoxville, Ill. He received a thor-



ough classical and technical education. His earning capacity seems to be unlimited. He has a beautiful home at 2741 Girard Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minn. He married Edna Masters, of Knoxville, Ill., and they have two children, *Robert W.*, born Aug. 5, 1909, and Mary E. Anna J., born May, 1864, married David H. Fields in 1890. Mr. Fields died in 1897. She is still a childless widow at present, living with her nephew, Guy Robert Lander, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Jesse Alexander Lander, born at Hardinsburg, Ky., March 1, 1824. He was reared in Knoxville, Ill., and received a liberal education. When the war with Mexico broke out he enlisted with the Galveston Riflemen, and returned a "conquering hero." He married Mary Rude, a sister of his Cousin Charles' wife. He lived in Peoria and followed the occupation of painting and paperhanging. When the Civil War broke out he got angry again and went to fighting. He enlisted in the Federal Army for three years. When his enlistment expired he returned home and raised a company of cavalry and went to the front again. When the war was over he returned to Peoria, Ill., and was elected county clerk. He wrote and published

a book, "A Trip to the War; Mexico and Its People." In later years he revisited the battle-fields of Mexico and the South. He died in Calaveras, Tex. He was a Methodist and influential Mason. His children were: Emily, born in 1852, married William Madden, and died at Howell, Mich., leaving one child, Fred Collier Madden.

Frank Lander was a Good Templar, a Democrat and a locomotive engineer. He was killed in a railway wreck, leaving no issue.

Kate Lander, born in 1854, married John W. Brewster in 1877. They lived at Lincoln, Neb., and had five children: Bertha, Robert, Royal, Willard and Willis. The last two were twins.

*David Edward Lander*, born 1855. He lived with his mother and sisters at Peoria, Ill., till he was 20 years of age, and obtained a liberal education. He was a telegraph operator for many years, and saw much of the "wild and woolly" West. He styled himself a philosopher and Christian Socialist. He was greatly interested in genealogy, and furnished much interesting information. He also gave me a line of "dope" that no man can verify. For example, he wrote: "There is a persistent tradition in the English branch of the family that we are of

Israelitish stock of the tribe of Levi and the house of Aaron.” He said that our Jewish ancestors were among the early converts to Christianity and escaped from Jerusalem during the siege of Titus and migrated to Europe. I do not know where D. E. got that information. In a letter to the Right Rev. Gerard Heath Lander, Lord Bishop of Hongkong, I asked if he had ever heard of such a tradition. He replied that he had not. The Landers of America are not derived from an English stock and have no tradition in common. D. E. married Marcia Davis at Monterey, Cal., in 1890. She died in 1897, the mother of nine children. D. E. had a hard struggle in life. He was visionary, but optimistic to the end. The last years of his life were spent in Truckee, Cal., as an ice gatherer and manager of an ice company. He died there of heart failure, Dec. 27, 1913. Since his death we have had only an occasional word from his children. Grace M. was born at San Lucas, Cal., in 1890. She became a trained nurse and for some years was at Independence, Mo., and had charge of the three younger children. I had a letter from her brother, Jesse, in 1922, stating that she was “to be married in June to a fellow by the name of Fred Hoy.” I suppose

she was. *Jesse DeWayne* was born at Nipomo, Cal., February, 1892. The last word from him he was at Healdsburg, Cal., and had two of his sisters with him. He said that he intended to visit his Uncle Harry in Alaska. I never learned whether he returned to Healdsburg or not. Floyd F. was born at San Lucas, Cal., in 1893, and died of pneumonia at Bishops, Cal., in February, 1920. Hubert H. was born in 1894. He was in the World War. When the war was over he married a French lassie and brought her home with him, and now he has a little French girl baby. He was living at North Fork, Nev., when last heard from. Gertrude Frances was born in 1896. She was with Jesse at Healdsburg, Cal., in 1922. David E., Jr., was born in 1898, and was in Kansas City, Mo., at last account. Florence and Calavada both died of diphtheria at Chico, Cal., and were buried in the same grave. Marcia Nevada was born at Clark, Nev., in 1905. Her present whereabouts is unknown to me.

Margaret Chilton Lander was born at Peoria, Ill., in 1857. She married Harry Parks, and is now a childless widow.

*J. Harry Lander* was born at Peoria, Ill., May 1, 1859. He was a "cowboy" for many



years and got very little book learning. At one time he was a Texas ranger. Later he was chief of stock detectives in Montana and made a fortune in the cattle business, but lost it all in a blizzard. He was next superintendent for the Northwestern Cattle Company, of Niobrara, Neb., for several years, and later was in the live stock and commission business at Caldwell, Ida. In 1879 he took a hand in Indian warfare. He was a scout for General Thomberg. The General returned to his post, leaving Little Wolf and a band of braves still at large. They descended upon the ranch and destroyed everything. Harry was the only one to escape alive. In 1880 he was sent to Oregon to buy cattle to feed the Sioux Indians in South Dakota. That winter he and his partner killed 3,000 buffalo for their hides, employing twenty men to skin them. He continued buying and herding cattle for the same company till 1885, and was appointed captain of No. 6 Roundup at Miles City, Mont. He writes: "Teddy Roosevelt was in my roundup, and I was his boss. We were great friends and kept in touch with each other till he died." He further writes: "Russell B. Harrison, son of President Benjamin Harrison, and I framed the stock laws of the state of

Montana as they stand today. I held the position of stock detective for sixteen years. In 1897 I sent a man to the Dawson goldfields in Alaska. In 1900 I left my position and went up there myself, but failed to make a strike. In 1903 I went to Oklahoma and took charge of a big cattle ranch, but I did not like the climate and went to Idaho in 1906. I bought thousands of cattle and sheep on commission and shipped them to Omaha, Neb. In 1912 I came to Alaska again to get into the mining game, and am here at Wasilla, a small station on the new Government railway in the Willow Creek mining camp, thirty-two miles from the head of Cook Inlet and fifty miles from Anchorage." Amid these stirring scenes Harry found time to get married occasionally. His first affair occurred in 1885, when he met and married Miss Nancy Newland, but she died in childbirth at St. Paul, Minn., in 1889. His second affair was with Miss Cordelia Foss, whom he married Nov. 20, 1891. Her daughter, Laura Bertha, was born Dec. 12, 1892. She is now Mrs. W. H. Husten, of Anchorage, Alaska. Cordelia was the youngest daughter of Senator James Foss, of Maine, and a cousin of Nordica, the famous American soprano. She died at Minneapolis,







RICHARD EVANS, JR., GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON  
OF JACOB



Minn., in 1894. The third and last affair was with Miss Harriett Evans, whom he married Aug. 6, 1896. By her he had a son, Richard Evans Lander, born July 23, 1899. He was the first to enlist from Anchorage, Alaska, and was the first to arrive in France. He was a private in the First Division, Battery E, Fifth Field Artillery, and was in every prominent battle except Chateau Thierry, and came home without a scratch. He is one of 13 of the original 250 of that battery that were left. He was called home from Coblenz on account of his mother's illness, but she died before he got home. He married MISS LILLIAN MARIE NEIMINAN, May 27, 1922. Her father is a Finn, in business at Aurora, Minn. Lillian was born in Finland and was brought to this country when four years of age. Her father comes of a prominent family, and they are highly respected in the homeland. Richard seems to be a versatile proposition—able and willing to turn his hand to most any kind of enterprise. For awhile he and his wife were publishing the *McCarthy Weekly News*, at McCarthy, Alaska. While thus engaged he guessed what sort of a proposition we are up against in undertaking to publish our Family History. Without any suggestion from me,

both he and his father have sent me liberal checks to help finance the enterprise. While at Kennecott, Alaska, a fine son came to live with them. He arrived Dec. 18, 1922. They named him Richard Irkki. The Irkki is probably from Finland.

*Harry Lander*, son of Henry, was born in Hardinsburg, Ky., Aug. 15, 1825. He grew up at Knoxville, Ill., and received a collegiate education. He studied law and practiced in Peoria, Ill., till 1857. He was intimate with Robert G. Ingersoll, the infidel, and was well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln. He was well read on many subjects and loved nature, music and children. In 1857 he moved to Brunswick, Mo. Three years later he settled at Brookfield, Mo., and lived there the rest of his life, except ten years (from '68 to '78), which were spent in St. Louis, Mo. He was a quartermaster in the Federal Army during the Civil War. He was elected to the Missouri legislature in 1882. He married Martha McCoy, at Laclede, Mo. "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided." He died, Dec. 6, 1903. His wife had gone ten hours before. They were buried in the same grave the following day, while tears





MARTHA LANDER



rolled down the cheeks of many a friend. He was one of the most prominent men our family has produced. But one child was born to this devoted couple.

Harry Price Lander was born in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 1, 1873. He was educated at the public school in Brookfield, Mo., and studied law at the University of Missouri, at Columbia. After graduating he practiced with his father until the death of the latter. We had hoped a great career for him, but he was cut down in the prime of his young manhood. He died of apoplexy in the spring of 1916. He married Marion Ward, of Napanee, Canada. They had three children.

*Martha Ann Lander* was born Dec. 15, 1899. She qualified as a trained nurse and served in a sanatorium in St. Louis, Mo., for some time. I lost sight of her for awhile, when suddenly she appeared on the horizon in a startling manner. The postman handed me a big legal looking envelope, and I came near fainting when I read in print, "MARTHA LANDER, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Linn County, Brookfield, Mo." I have no doubt but that she is as well qualified to fill that office as any man in the county. She wrote me that Sister Josephine Jeannette, born

March 12, 1904, is now Mrs. Cecil C. Merri-field, living in Boston, Mass. Her husband is a student at Harvard. Harry Hamilton Lander, born in 1908, is now a student in the Brookfield (Mo.) High School.

*William Lander*, son of Henry, was born at Hardinsburg, Ky., Dec. 2, 1826. He was reared at Knoxville, Ill., and received a liberal education and learned carpentry in his father's shop. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood. He became a fine musician and was band instructor for many years. He married Mary E. Moss, a schoolmistress, at Knoxville, Ill. She wrote that she got the pick of all the brothers. In 1878 he moved to Nebraska, and in 1890 he pushed on to Vancouver, Wash., and died there in 1907, leaving a widow and two twin children. The widow died Nov. 1, 1918.

*Bernard Lander*, born at Kearney, Neb., Sept. 23, 1881, is an electrician. Being the son of a schoolmistress and of a college graduate, we would naturally think that he received a fairly good education. I do not know whether he can write or not. I have wasted several perfectly good stamps on him, all to no avail. I learned in some way that he married a white woman and continued living at Vancouver. It

also leaked out that he has two children, *Gene*, born in 1915 (whether a girl or a boy, I do not know), and *Virginia*, born in 1917.

*Blanche Lander*, twin of *Bernard*, was naturally born about the same time and place. She married *William A. Riggs*, a clerk in the Government barracks at Vancouver, Wash., and has two children, *Lawrence* and *Willard*.

*Eli Lander* was born at Hardinsburg, Ky., in 1828. He was reared at Knoxville, Ill., and became more famous as a cabinetmaker than his father. He made musical instruments, tables, desks, clocks, chairs, etc. Fancy prices are now paid for specimens of his handicraft. He also was a fine musician. He went to California and married a native of that state, and by her had three children, of whom we have no knowledge. He died of tuberculosis about 1869.

*Richard Lander* died in childhood.

*Lucy Lander* was born in Kentucky in 1832, and was reared in Knoxville, Ill. She married an artist, and died without issue.

*Ann Lander* was born and all her life was spent in Knoxville. Her life was a very uneventful one. She died at the home of her sister, *Mrs. Coddington*, aged 82 years.

*Jennie Lander* was born in Knoxville, Ill., July 9, 1836. She was a versatile and accomplished woman. She was greatly interested in our family history, and her letters were among the most interesting and satisfactory that your historian has received. She married Edward Coddington, and lived at Booneville, Mo., and Galesburg, Ill. Mr. Coddington died in 1903. They had two children: Milford, born in 1859, is a druggist in St. Charles, Ill., and Lucy, born in 1862, lives in Knoxville, Ill., unmarried and alone since her mother's death. Mrs. Coddington was greatly afflicted in her latter days. She became totally blind and had a fall in which a thigh was broken. She was seven weeks in a hospital, and died June 14, 1916, aged 80 years.

*Joseph Lander* was born in Knoxville, Ill., March 12, 1838. He has lived there all his life. He was always delicate, but has led an active life. He has kept at work. For many years he was a decorator and sign painter, employing several workmen. He seems to have had a life-long antipathy for letter writing. We were never able to get a line from him. He married someone, but we have never been able to get her name. We have learned incidentally that he was an Episcopalian—probably caught it from



his wife. The wife died in 1895. Joseph lingered along some years afterward and he may be lingering yet. I do not know for certain, but I believe that they are all gone. As a whole it was a very interesting family. Joseph had a son. I think his name was Floyd C. I have heard that he was a dentist and something of a musician. He also married—we know not whom, when or where. We have also heard that there was a daughter in the case, “nameless here forevermore.”

*Emily Lander.* (I have her birth date 1838, but Joseph has that also, and they were not twins, so I have been told. I have tried to get that straight, but failed.) Emily was highly educated and accomplished. She married Capt. E. J. Unsell, of St. Louis, Mo., and by him had two children. They lived in Woodland, a suburb of St. Louis. After Captain Unsell's death, Emily married Dr. Pitman, and for many years lived at Kirkwood, Mo. The daughter, Stella Unsell, married George Bakewell, of St. Louis. Stella's Uncle Harry thought that she was the most beautiful and accomplished young woman that he ever knew, and Uncle Harry was an eminent judge. He gave me that opinion in 1882. That was a long

time ago. I have tried to get a line on her, but failed.

That finishes up the male descendants of Jacob now for the daughters, from whom I have no reliable information.

*Rhoda Lander* was probably born in Virginia, married James Boil, of Clark County, Kentucky, Nov. 21, 1811, and moved to Arkansas.

*Ann Lander* was probably born in Clark County, Kentucky, and married John Trammell, who was postmaster at Winchester, Ky., during President Jackson's administration.

*Catherine Lander* married "Colonel Fay," a cattleman, from Arkansas.

*Aurelia Lander* married a Mr. Sphar in 1816. He also was from Arkansas.

*Sallie Lander* married Jesse Alexander Cleveland, at Hardinsburg, Ky.

*Theodosia Lander* married a school teacher by the name of Murray, who taught awhile at Shippensport, Ky.

According to the latest and best information, Jacob has neither sons nor grandsons living. He has four great-grandsons, nine great-great-grandsons and two great-great-great-grandsons; total, 15 male descendants that bear

his name. A heavy responsibility rests upon those great-great-grandsons. There should be no bachelors among them nor widowers of long standing, and be careful to fall in love with healthy women only, and keep yourselves pure and clean. Thus only can the tribe of Jacob be saved from extinction.

## CHAPTER VI

### THE DESCENDANTS OF NATHAN LANDER

Nathan Lander had three sons and four daughters. We have never been able to unearth his family record, and the data here recorded was furnished by Mrs. Delia Fisher, a granddaughter, who lived many years at Cloverport, Ky.

Sarah Lander was born in Virginia, Oct. 3, 1787, and died at the age of 20 years, near Winchester, Ky.

Richard Lander was born about 1789, probably in Virginia. He married Nancy Riley, Dec. 13, 1813, and shortly afterward moved to Breckinridge County, Kentucky. He was a farmer and made good as such, but he also got into politics and was elected sheriff. After filling that office for several years he was elected

to the legislature. He came to an untimely death July 21, 1835. He was sick with chills and fever and sent to a neighbor's for quinine. Arsenic was sent to him by mistake. He took a dose of what he thought was quinine, from the effects of which he died. He left a widow with eight children.

Mary Lander was born in Clark County, Kentucky, and married Col. Cyrus M. Allen, of Vincennes, Ky. He was a son or grandson of Thomas Allen, of Virginia, who was a sergeant in the Revolutionary Army. Cyrus was a lawyer, statesman and leading citizen of Vincennes for many years. They had five children, all of whom died in infancy except Cyrus M., Jr. He died of apoplexy at the age of 64. He was a graduate of West Point Military Academy. He married Miss Eastham, of Kentucky. His widowed daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Allen Johnston, lives at the old Allen home at Vincennes.

Elizabeth Lander married Samuel Greenhour, of Richmond, Va. They reared a family in Vincennes. A son, R. J. Greenhour, was prominent in the social and commercial life of the city for many years.



*William Lander* was born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky. After the death of his father the management of the family affairs was entrusted to him. He took all of the live stock to New Orleans, La., for sale. While there he was taken sick with fever and died. The family never realized anything from the sale of the stock.

*John David Lander* was born in Hardinsburg, Ky., Aug. 16, 1829. He was but 6 years old when his father died, and he was reared at Vincennes. He became a druggist and built up a fine business. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and a highly esteemed citizen. His first wife was Mary Tracy, by whom there were two children: Lucy, who married John B. Wise, a prominent merchant of Vincennes, and Richard Cyrus, who died in childhood. After the death of his first wife, John David married her sister, Alma, by whom he had one son, Tracy John, born and reared in Vincennes. In some way John David's estate was reduced to the vanishing point, and Tracy John, being of delicate constitution, has had a hard struggle to support himself and widowed mother. He was never married, and being the sole surviving male member of Na-

than's descendants, only a miracle will save the tribe from speedy extinction.

Nathan Lander, son of Richard, was born in Kentucky and reared in Vincennes. He never married. He was engaged in newspaper work for many years at Cairo, Ill., and at Louisville, Ky. He served in the Federal Army during the Civil War, but we have not his record. He died at the home of his sister, Sallie, in Vincennes, Oct. 10, 1864.

Sallie Washington Lander was born in Kentucky and reared at Vincennes. She succeeded her sister, Mary, as the wife of Col. Cyrus McAllen. They had two children that lived to be grown, Grace and Louis Overman. The latter was liberally educated and was a skilled accountant, and died in 1911.

Ellen Lander was born in Kentucky in 1836, seven months after the death of her father. She married W. P. Gould, of Rhode Island, July 26, 1859. Major Gould was in the Federal Army during the Civil War and served with distinction. He acquired considerable property, and the happy couple enjoyed the good things of this world without abusing them. They traveled the world over and spent a happy life together. They celebrated their

golden wedding July 26, 1909. The following doggerel was written for the occasion by an impecunious relative:

My dearest friends, though yet unseen,  
I didn't intend to be so mean;  
And if it is not yet too late,  
Allow me to congratulate  
You on your wedding jubilee,  
Which, I regret, I could not see.

How swiftly past the years have flown,  
Till now you stand almost alone,  
Of all that company so fine  
Who back in 1859  
Heard the vows so softly spoken  
Which shall by death alone be broken.

You have been blest with earthly store,  
Yet I could wish you something more.  
One thing you lack—I must confess,  
A dozen children, more or less,  
Who with their children now would rise  
To bless your earthly paradise.

If then the bride had been a Gould;  
The groom a Lander had been schooled,  
It had been better every way,  
Methinks I hear the Landers say,  
For soon the tribe of Nathan's name  
Will have run out—and, oh, the shame!

But since we cannot have our way,  
'Tis best to serve our little day  
In joy give praise unto our God;  
In sorrow kiss the chastening rod;  
Then when are broken earthly ties,  
We'll meet again beyond the skies.

The major was the first to pass over the Great Divide. Ellen lingered, a welcome guest in the home of her niece, Mrs. Wise, until June 30, 1918.

Henry Lander, son of Nathan, was probably born in Virginia, about 1791, and reared near Winchester, Ky. In early manhood he was seized with wanderlust. Samuel Lander, his cousin, wrote that he was in Prairie du Chien, Wis., at one time, and became a Methodist preacher. When last heard from he was visit-



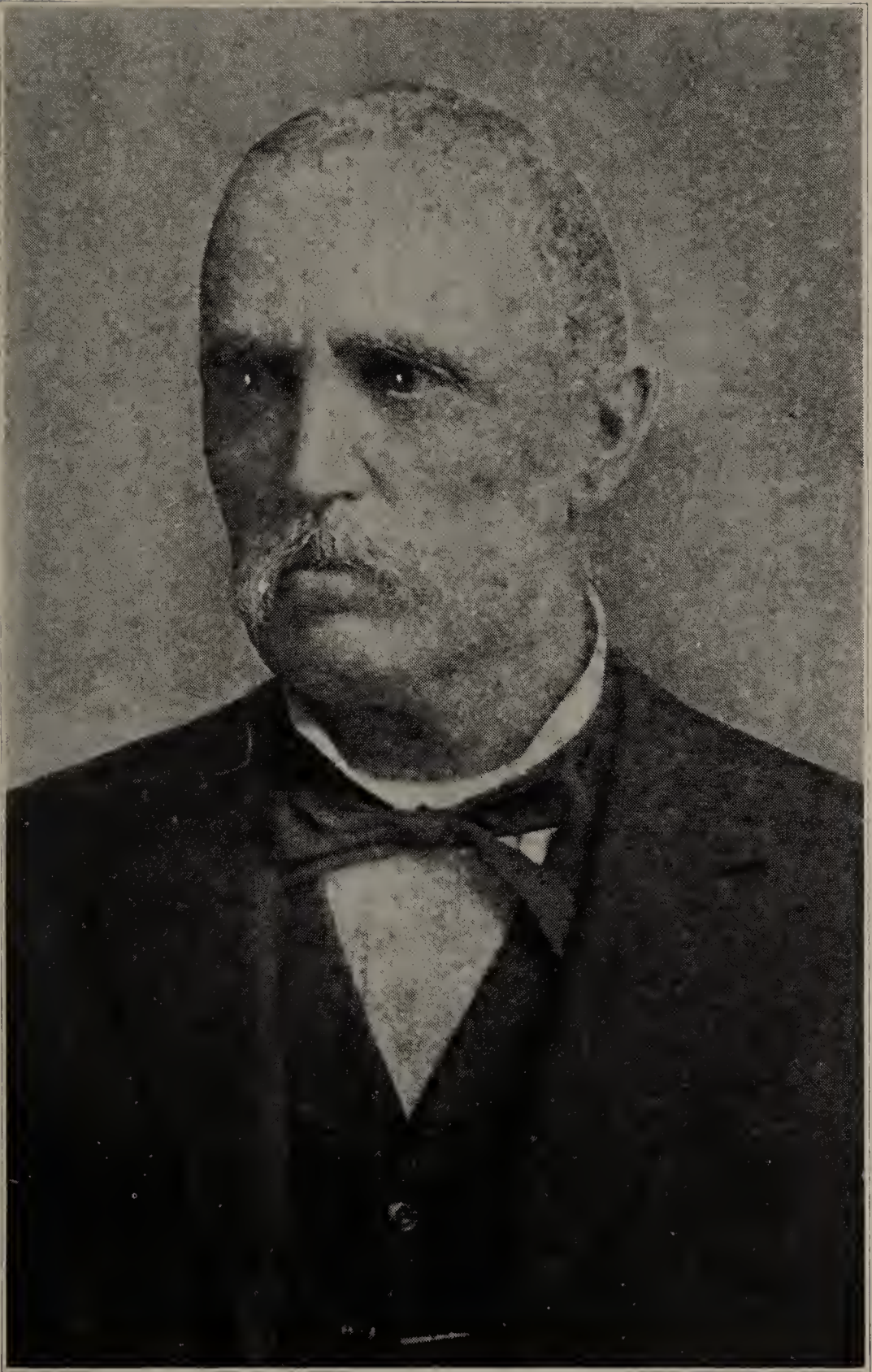
ing at Levi Ashbrook's in St. Louis. He told folks there that he was to receive a legacy from his uncle, Nathan Skinner, a wealthy bachelor in Virginia. One unconfirmed report says that he was married and died without issue near St. Paul. Mrs. Delia Fisher, in 1886, wrote: "I cannot remember the date of Henry's marriage. He had no children."

Adah Lander was born about 1793, and was reared near Winchester, Ky. She married Philip Lightfoot, probably in Breckinridge County, in 1815. She lived to a ripe old age and reared a large family. Rosanna married a Mr. Hammond and lived at Dale, Spencer County, Ind. Nathan practiced medicine many years at Hibbardsville, Ky. Richard was in the Kentucky legislature at one time. He also was a doctor and died at Auburndale, Ill., leaving two sons, H. E., a doctor, and W. P., a lawyer. John lived at Cloverport, Ky. Annie married Dr. Newsome and lived at Cloverport. Delia married a Mr. Fisher and lived at Cloverport. Mary married Thomas McGavock. Eliza married W. L. Allogree of Christian County. Mary Lander married Crawford Lowry. They moved to Keitsville, Mo., many years ago and died within a few hours of each other.

Charles D. Lander, son of Nathan, was born in Clark County, Ky., Nov., 1798. He moved to Breckinridge County with his father and there married Rebecca Sterritt in 1824. Her father was a Virginian and a pioneer of Breckinridge County—a Jacksonian Democrat and a local politician. In 1829 Charles moved to Hawesville and engaged in merchandise there until his death in 1835. He was greatly prospered and became a prominent citizen of that place. His wife survived him fifty-one years and died Nov. 20, 1886, aged eighty-one years. They had four sons and one daughter. Samuel and Nathan died in childhood. John grew to manhood, fell a victim to the “white plague” and died in Tampa, Fla., in 1854, being about thirty years old.

FRANK LANDER was born in Hancock County, Sept. 19, 1829, the same year that the family was established at Hawesville. There he was reared and spent the whole of his eventful life except the few years in which he was engaged in business in Louisville. He had farming interests, coal mines and other industries, in all of which he was greatly prospered. He deferred matrimony until he was past fifty-three and that was the great mistake





FRANK LANDER, NATHANITE





of his life. It was a plain case of race suicide. If he had married a healthy young woman at twenty-five he might have saved Nathan's line from extinction. He married a widow of an ex-Confederate soldier, Mrs. R. A. Brent, a native of Scotland. She made him an excellent wife. They lived happily together, travelled extensively in the United States and abroad, and for many years spent their winters at Punta Gorda, Fla. But—there were no children in the case! They were among the delighted attendants at the Reunion at Salubria Springs in 1911. Cousin Frank was the oldest member present on that occasion. He was always religiously inclined but never made a profession until shortly before his death, which occurred in March, 1917. Then he united with the Methodist Church at Hawesville, and a beautiful memorial window has been placed in the church in memory of him.

Eliza Lander was born at Hawesville, Ky., June 20, 1832. When but sixteen years old she rode on horse back to visit relatives in Christian County. Her wardrobe was carried in a carpetbag on the horn of her side-saddle. She got along very well so far as her dresses were concerned, for she had in her outfit a "change-

able silk" which was suitable for all occasions. She gave an account of this trip sixty-five years later at the Salubria Reunion. I think that her grandfather Nathan, must have been in the party for he made the trip about that time when he was ninety years old. Eliza married W. H. Webb, of Louisville. She was his second wife and at his death she inherited a large fortune and a stepdaughter. She was a member of the Methodist Church for many years. She was largely instrumental in building Lander Memorial Church in Louisville, which was named in honor of her mother and brother John. She had a winter home in Punta Gorda—a modest affair. She died Nov. 8, 1917. She and all the family are buried in Cave Hill, Louisville's most beautiful cemetery. Her will was a great surprise and disappointment to her relatives, and at this date it is being bitterly contested.

We tried to interest her in the publication of our family history but she politely declined having anything to do with it. The bulk of her property was left to the Methodist Church. Her stepdaughter and grandchildren got a few pieces of jewelry. A negro woman, and a distant cousin got a thousand dollars each. Several hundred dollars were left to buy tomb-

stones for two negroes that died in the poor-house! Her fine farm is entailed for ninety-nine years, the revenue from which is to go to a negro Methodist Church. Quite a large sum was left to the college at Russellville, Ky., to build a dormitory to be called Lander Hall. The home in Punta Gorda was left to the Methodist Church, also her home at Hawesville. Undoubtedly she was a thorough-going Methodist. The lawyers will probably find some fat pickings. *Requiescat in pace.*

Hannah Lander, daughter of Nathan, was born in Clark County, Ky., about 1800. She married Judge James Jennings, a prominent attorney in Hardinsburg. They had three sons, Charles, Nathan and Louis. All are now dead. Hannah died in 1873.

Thus ends the record of Nathan's line. The end is in sight. This is greatly to be regretted. The patriarch was worthy of a better fate. The Nathanites have been altogether desirable citizens. They ranked high in intelligence, gentle manners and other qualities that make life worth while. The men have kept the name untarnished, and the women have married well.

Nathan has one survivor, and he is a frail man and a bachelor.

## CHAPTER VII

### THE DESCENDANTS OF THE PATRIARCH

#### JOHN LANDER

While he lived, the patriarch John Lander, kept a complete family record, so his son Samuel wrote, but the most diligent search has failed to discover it. We are obliged to follow the order of events as given by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Luckie, whom we visited in Mexico, Mo., in 1882. She was then eighty-two years old. She had known all of the patriarchs, most of their children and many of their grandchildren, but naturally her memory was a little faulty.

Addie Lander was born in Hampshire County, Va., in 1790, and was reared near Winchester, Ky. She married John Wilcox, who was a nephew of Daniel Boone. Addie died without issue.

James Lander was born near Winchester in 1792. He was a farmer and dealt extensively in live stock. He married a Miss Kenny and they had three daughters, but all died without issue. James joined the exodus to Christian County and lived there about fifteen years. In 1834 he went to New Orleans on business,



returning he was stricken with cholera and died at Vicksburg.

*John Lander*, familiarly known as "Major Jack," was born near Winchester, Nov. 2, 1793. January 15, 1823, he married Nancy Skillman. "Major Jack" was in the War of 1812. His record in that scrap is not given. He died near Pembroke, Ky., March 18, 1871. From what has been said of him and the universal esteem in which he was held by the relationship, we may safely say that he was one of the finest products of the Lander family. He was gifted with a high degree of intelligence and business sagacity. He acquired a large fortune for those days and wielded a happy influence in the community in which he lived. No man in Christian County stood higher in the esteem of the people than he. He owned a large tract of valuable land, including Salubria Springs, at which our first family reunion was held in 1911. His home was close by the spring and is now (1921) owned by his grandson, Douglas L. Lander. He owned many slaves and they were all proud to call him master. He dealt largely in blooded stock and took many premiums at the county fairs. He raised large quantities of tobacco, some of which was made into "plan-

tation cigars” and sold in Nashville and other cities. He was a man of unquestioned integrity and was often intrusted with the settlement of estates as his father was before him. He was a kind neighbor, and was always ready to help those in trouble. He possessed a truly majestic poise, a calm and unruffled disposition. Best of all, he was a sincere Christian and did much to promote the cause of religion in his community.

He gave the land and much besides to build both a Methodist and Presbyterian Church at Salubria Springs. He was a Methodist, but the main support of both churches and his house was the preacher’s home. His conception of religion was: “To do justly, love mercy and to walk humbly before God.” He had seven children. Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1825; married R. H. Hord in 1844, and died without issue in 1874. Violinda K. K., born in 1828; married Wm. Harrison in 1848, and had seven children; three died in infancy. Christopher married Annie McGillen, and Mattie Newsome. W. M. and Jimmie Ret lived together in single blessedness in sight of Salubria for many years. Recently Jimmie Ret was called home.

Christopher Skillman was born at Salubria Springs in 1832. He received a liberal educa-





DOUGLAS L. LANDER, TRIBE OF JOHN



tion and was an amiable Christian gentleman. His manners were polished and he was somewhat esthetic by nature. He rode or drove fine horses and carried a big bunch of whiskers. So he was a man of mark in the community as his father was before him, but along different lines entirely. He possessed many of the good qualities of his father, but not his fine business capacity. He trusted men unwisely, and was an easymark for sharpers, and so it came to pass that much of the ancestral estate slipped through his fingers. He voted the Democratic ticket and worshipped at the Methodist altar. He loved his kindred and was ever ready to lend a helping hand in times of distress or need. He married Laura Jenkins in 1854, and proved a tender and affectionate husband. He died in 1897, leaving three children:

*Douglas L. Lander*, born at Salubria Springs, Oct. 1, 1855. Like his father he received a liberal education and has led an active life. For many years he was travelling salesman for the Brown Shoe Company of St. Louis. After his father's death he took charge of the estate and is working hard to restore it to its former dimensions. His sweet potato slips are famous throughout Kentucky and adjoin-

ing states. He built the hotel at Salubria Springs in which we held our first reunion in 1911. He married Fannie C. Beard in 1896. She bore him three daughters to gladden his heart, but no sons to perpetuate his name. She died early in life and Douglas remains true to to her memory to this day. He is a Methodist and a Democrat, and an all-round good citizen.

Kathryn Douglas, his first child, was born in 1897. She is a bright and vivacious young woman and has had the charge of her father's house, and the care of the younger children since her mother's death. She was a constant attendant at the reunion in 1911. Martha Beard was born in June, 1899, and Frances Maynard born in July, 1900.

Warren Lander was born at Salubria Springs, in 1859. He lives with his brother, Douglas, and has been shielded from the heavier responsibilities of life. He is not lacking in mental equipment, and he has led an unblemished life. He has a host of friends. He gives one the impression that he is just bashful. If he had been happily married thirty-five years ago our record of him would have been mostly different.

Celeste Lander was born in 1866. She mar-

ried Dr. Joseph Chisholm and has five children: Lander, Ruby, Warren, Norton and Mary Laura.

The next of "Major Jack's" children was Mary Eliza. She married Lewis Leavell, and by him she had three children: St. Clair, born in 1855; Annie Jack, born in 1857. She is a large woman and C. W. Morrison, a large man and she has ten unusually large children: Laura Belle, Maytie (now dead), Louis, Wm. L., Charles, Annie Baker, Edward, Mabel F., Harry S., and Christine. They are a healthy looking lot and seem to be as happy as children of a smaller race.

Mattie B. Leavell, born in 1860, and married C. H. Williams. At this point in the family history Mr. Leavell died, and Mary Eliza became serious minded and joined the church. After a sufficient period of mourning she married Rev. William Morrison, and Mary Eliza had two children by him.

Lizzie Morrison, who married John H. Pendleton, and Linnie Rett, born in 1869, made her home with her cousin, Annie Jack Morrison.

John A. Lander, born in 1837, died in childhood.

James A. Lander, born in 1842, was still in his 'teens when the Civil War broke out, and he joined the Confederate forces under Col. Woodward. It was a bad step for James. He became sadly demoralized and never fully recovered from it. He married Cynthia Moore in 1866. Bad habits reduced him to poverty and he died in 1904. He was the father of four children: *Annie May*, born in 1872, married Ernest Crenshaw in 1891, and lives at Fitzgerald, Ga., and has five children.

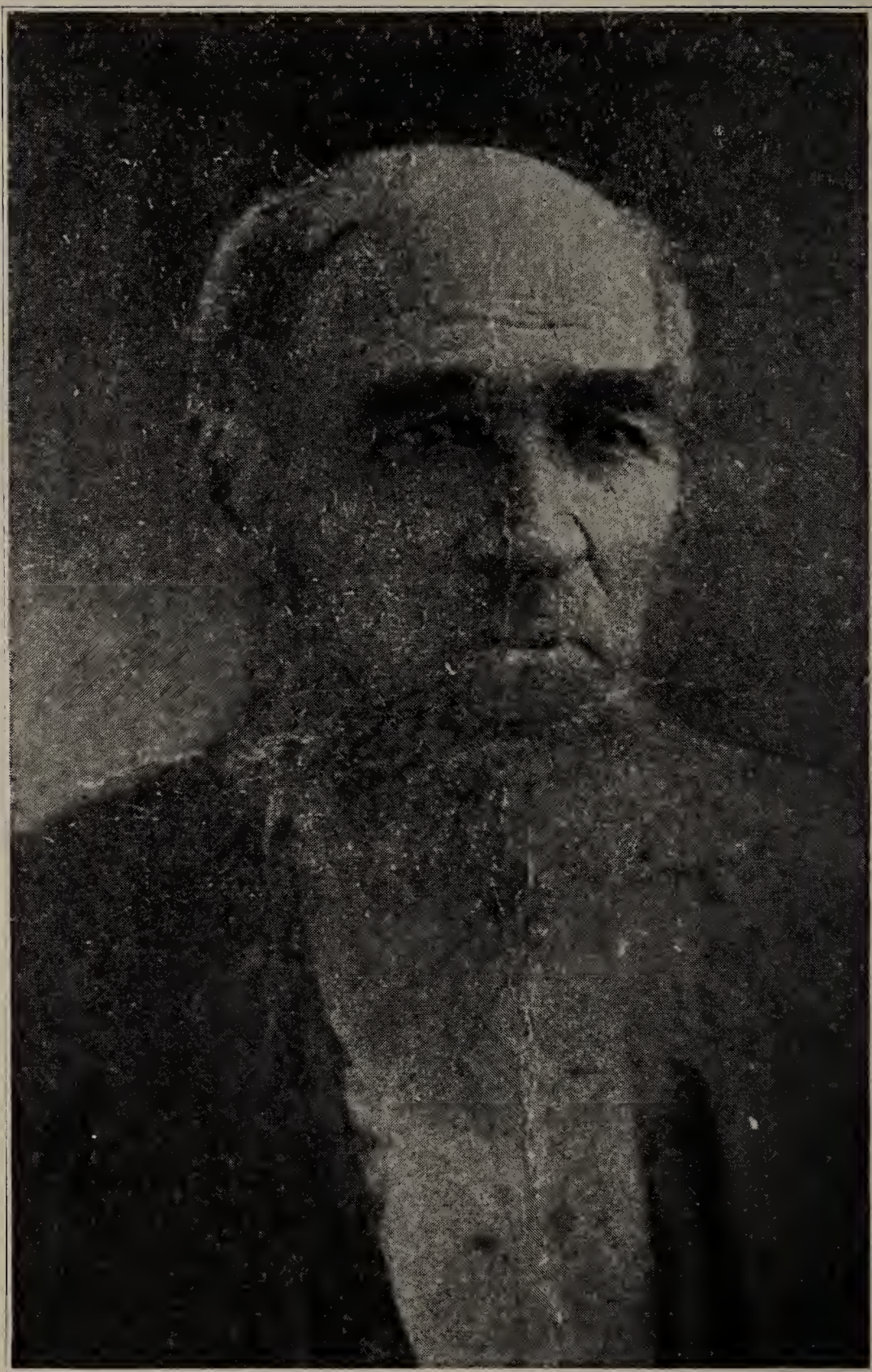
*George Lander*, born in 1870; married Emma Azbell, and is living at Princeton, Mo. He has one child, Sidney Minum Lander, born in 1913. George is lonesome away out there in the northwest corner of the state, where the people freeze to death in the winter and melt in the summer season.

*Charles Lander*, born in 1874, and reared in Hopkinsville. He is splendidly endowed physically and should be able to make his way in the world even against great odds. In 1903 he married Irna Rex. He lives at 572 E. 13th Street, and has Vera Cynthia, born in 1904; Garland Sidney, born in 1906, and Henrietta Wilhelmina, born 1907.

Jimmie Belle Lander married S. W. Math-







SAMUEL LANDER, JOHNITE

ews, and lives at Henderson, Ky., and has Wm. S. Mathews.

Hannah Lander, daughter of Patriarch John, was born near Winchester, in 1796. She was a dwarf and otherwise abnormal. She died in 1874.

*Samuel Lander* was born near Winchester, Jan. 21, 1798. He got but little book learning, but was a man of unusually good common sense, and made good success in life in things worth while. We are indebted to him for much of our family history. In that respect he was the biggest find I ever made. He was intimately acquainted with all the patriarchs and often visited them in their homes. He knew all of his first cousins also, and as late as 1815 could have visited them in one day on horseback. He moved to Christian County with his father and was his most faithful attendant. In 1822 he married Sallie Haggard, who was then on a visit from Clark County. Her father was David Haggard, a soldier of the Revolution, from Albemarle County, Va., and all of her descendants may qualify as Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

Samuel made a profession of religion in early life and was a charter member of the First



Baptist Church of Bloomington, Ill. He retained his membership in that church till his death, at ninety-five years of age. At eighty-nine he wrote, "I have not come to this advanced age without much hard work. Mine has been a busy life. I have driven cattle, hogs and sheep to market and travelled by every means that has been invented. I have built three mills and improved four farms. I have had my share of sickness—some of it threatening my life. I moved to Illinois in Oct., 1835, and settled in McLean County, two miles west of Bloomington, where I had previously bought land. In 1847 I was elected a member of the State Constitutional Convention. We were in session three months, provided for the Michigan Canal debt and saved the state from repudiation."

On the first Sunday night after the arrival of the newcomers, the people from the village—many of whom were Kentuckians—came out to the rudely constructed cabin to get "bread made from wheat flour brought from Kentucky." Samuel spent several of his later years in Denison, Texas, with his daughter, Mrs. Coil, but returned to Bloomington to die. His first wife died in 1843. A little more than a year later he married Ordella Wilson. By the



first wife he had seven children and three by the second. He wrote that his children were a great disappointment to him. The chief reason, perhaps, was because they did not inherit his business acumen. None of them proved to be great money-makers.

*John David Lander* was born in Christian County, Ky., in 1824. He was ten years old when his father moved to Bloomington. He was reared on the farm and secured a good education. He was a soldier in the war with Mexico, and served as sergeant in Co. B., 4th Reg. of Illinois Inf. He was disappointed in an *affaire d'amour*, which, being interpreted, means a love affair! He recovered sufficiently so that he could marry Malinda Lash in 1850. We never learned that Malinda Lashed him, but she bore him nine children, and probably did some lashing as occasion required. Malinda died in 1874, and it took John D. three years to recover from his bereavement. In 1877 he married Charlotte Driscoll, of Bloomington, by whom he had one child. His home in Illinois was on the site of a Kickapoo Indian fort. In 1883 he moved to a farm near Coffeyville, Kan. In 1887 he moved into the city and died there in 1893. He was a Democrat and was elected

supervisor and assessor of Dale Township, McLean County, Ill. He was not a professor of religion but leaned towards the Baptists. His children are:

Adaline, born in 1850. She married Samuel Stranger and lives near Ellsworth, Ill., and has: Ralph, Guy and Clyde.

Ira Lander, born in Bloomington, in 1853. He married Janette Richardson and for many years was a successful merchant in Ellsworth. He has led an active life and has been a most desirable citizen. His address is now Danvers, Ill. He writes: "We are in fair health for our age, but are failing." Failing at sixty-seven! What would his grandfather say to that? He was hale and hearty at eighty-five. Ira has always been interested in the family history. He and his wife attended the reunion in 1911. Sad to say he has but two children, and they are both daughters. One son died in infancy.

Lavinia married Harry Van Gundy and lives at Saybrook.

Fern married Orville Dunlap and lives at Ellsworth.

Samuel Lander was born in 1855, near Bloomington. In 1883 he married Ida Story, and shortly afterwards moved to Hastings,

Neb. Later he moved near to Coffeyville, Kan., and later into the city. He has been employed with the Ford Automobile Company many years and puts in full time attending strictly to his own business. He is not gifted in letter-writing, at least we have never seen a specimen of it. In a roundabout way we learned, some years ago, that he had five children. We have their names, but no particulars: Flossie, born in 1885; Maud, born in 1887; Rednal (read it backward and see the joke), born in 1893; Arlie, born in 1899; and Orville, born in 1903.

Perry Lander was born in 1857, and reared near Bloomington, and by some route unknown to us he also arrived at Coffeyville. We have heard indirectly that he has always borne a good character. He has never been in jail or the legislature and has managed to hold the respect of his fellow citizens. I never heard that he got married: "No wife to greet him with her love; no babe to climb his knee." After three years of failing health, including an attack of appendicitis, he died, May 28, 1925.

Myra married Sherman Washburn, at Coffeyville, in 1885. She is now a widow with three daughters: Hazel, Pauline and Bernice. They live in Bloomington, Ill.

Sallie Lander married A. Nafziger, in 1884. They live in Nora, Minn., and have Carl and Eugene.

Ollie Lander married D. E. Maurier, in 1890; address, Danvers, Ill.

Ella Lander—for years I labored under the impression that she was a teacher, but she is a trained nurse, and her life work is to care for the sick. When not “on a case” she makes her home with her sister, Ollie, at Danvers.

Zarelda Lander married G. A. Richardson, in 1895. They live in Los Angeles, and have Morton A. and Orrin Lander.

John David Lander, Jr., by the second wife, was born near Bloomington and moved about with his father until he arrived at Coffeyville. There he married Frances Edsell in 1894. He has been a clerk in the railway service for many years. He has John David III and Peter Edsell.

Martin Dawson Lander, son of Samuel, born in 1826, was a cripple from birth and died in 1852.

Charles William Lander was born in Kentucky in 1828. He grew up at Bloomington, Ill., and married Elizabeth Wallace, in 1857.



He enlisted in the Federal army, in 1862, Co. E, 94th Ill. Vol. Inf. He became a division wagon master, was at the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., in 1862; was at the capture of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863; at the capture of Brownsville, Texas, and was stationed there for some time. On account of physical disability he was mustered out of service in 1864. Returning to Bloomington he was engaged in the livery business for some years. In 1894 he retired to the farm on which he was reared, and died there Sept. 17, 1899. He was a member of the First Baptist Church at Bloomington. He was a staunch Whig till the death of his party, and afterwards became a Republican. His first wife died Jan. 11, 1882. On Nov. 19, 1884, he married Letitia Garretson, who lives in Bloomington. He had two children by the first wife and one by the second.

Frank Lander, son of C. W., was born in 1854. He received a good education and was prosperous in business. He wasted many years in an aimless life of a bachelor. Not until he was fifty-eight years old did he realize his mistake. Then he got busy and married a Miss Murphy in 1912. No one seems to know how or when he did his courting. We fear that he

put it off too long to help the family record out much.

Ida M. Lander was born in 1856. She married Giles C. Jones and was left a widow in 1900. She later married a Mr. Rave.

*Louise Lander*, by the second wife, was born in 1886. She graduated at the high school in Bloomington and still remains at home with her mother. She is a devoted member of the First Disciples Church, and greatly interested in our family history. She and her mother attended the reunions at Salubria Spring, in 1911, and at Cerulean Springs, in 1921. Her mother has recently gone home.

Richard Morton Lander was born in Kentucky, in 1830, and was reared near Bloomington, Ill. Religiously he was a Baptist, politically a Whig, and when the Whigs ceased to function he became a Republican. He was in the paymaster's department during the Civil War, and for four years was Deputy U. S. Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, under John L. Routt. He was engaged in the dry-goods business in Bloomington for many years. He married Margaret Hawks in 1854. He died Jan. 20, 1902, and his wife died in 1910. They had two sons and two daughters.



LOUISE LANDER, JOHNITE





Albert H. Lander was born at Bloomington, Dec. 17, 1855. He married Sonora French, in Springfield, Ill., in 1875. He was a member of the Disciples Church. His wife was an Episcopalian. Most of his life was spent in the transportation department of the railway service. He was with the Wabash, the Grand Trunk, the Mo. P., and resided at Moberly, Mo., Decatur, Ill., Montreal, Can., Port Huron, Durand and Battle Creek, Mich. He died of paralysis at Sedalia, Mo., Jan. 21, 1912. He was always highly esteemed by his employers, and in all his ways reflected credit on the family name. He had four sons, as follows:

Albert Houston Lander, Jr., born in 1877, and died in 1900.

Willard French Lander, born at Decatur, Ill., in 1890, and died of valvular heart trouble in 1917. He was gifted intellectually and readily acquired a good education. His qualities of heart as of mind were of the highest order. His outlook on life was beautiful and enticing. But, alas, a relentless disease seized hold of him, crept over him and claimed him as its own. For two years or more he suffered in agony, but bore it uncomplainingly. During this illness he became greatly interested in our family history

and succeeded in gathering a great deal of material on the subject. No one reading his interesting letters would imagine that they were written under such stress. He knew that he must die, but he faced the last enemy unflinchingly and died in glorious triumph. His mother found all of his affairs, even to the minutest details, arranged in order for his departure. Had he lived no better historian could have been found to carry on our work.

Richard Foster Lander, born at Decatur, Ill., in 1894. He is a graduate radio man of Harvard.

Kenneth Major Lander was born at Durand, Mich., in 1900. (What has happened here in twenty-five years?)

Mary A. Lander married W. A. Fay, and lived at Austin, Ill.

Catherine Lander married C. H. Bevington, and has died recently.

Richard Major Lander, born in Bloomington, Aug. 29, 1871. He received a good education and spent some years in his father's dry-goods store. Later he took to the road as "an angel of commerce," and is by nature adapted to that line of business. He married Ada W. Zigler, at South Bend, Ind. He has changed his place of residence several times. I happened

to hear of his being in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1921. I also happened to be in Jacksonville and called him over the phone. It was arranged that I should eat breakfast with them the next morning, and I did and found the whole family at home.

John Zigler was born April 23, 1900. When I saw him he was not fully settled in life.

Margaret E., born June 8, 1906, was struggling with high school problems.

Zarilda, daughter of Samuel, born in 1837. (Nothing further known.)

Clara J. Lander, by the second wife, born May 7, 1852. She received a good education, and married a Mr. Coil, a railroad man, and was left a widow with two or three sons.

Walter Samuel Lander, born at Bloomington, in 1856, and still lives in his native city. He seems to be constitutionally opposed to writing. He is probably married and may have some children. I don't know. I wasted several stamps on him.

Mary Lander, daughter of the patriarch John, was born near Winchester, June 1, 1800. She married John Luckie, in 1824. John was a son of Joe Luckie, who was a member of the old Cane Ridge Presbyterian Church which

was disrupted by Barton W. Stone, who organized the "New Lights" who were subsequently merged with the Campbellites. Joe and his crowd joined the reformers. John and Mary moved to Christian County and later to Mexico, Mo. We had the pleasure of meeting cousin Mary in 1882. She was then a widow, hale and hearty at eighty-two, weighing two hundred forty pounds. She had five children: Sarah, married Dr. T. W. Reed; Joseph W., was a dentist in Mexico, married a Miss Sallee, and had seven children; Mary E., married J. G. Coil, and after his funeral she married Wm. M. Simms; John R., married a Miss Northcutt, and has two children; Rachel, married W. H. Bridgeford, and has two children.

Catherine Lander, was born near Winchester, in 1801. She married John Enlow, in 1826, moved to Christian County, and later to McLean County, Illinois, and died in 1893. They had seven children: Sallie, Jemima, James, Jessie, John, Ellen and Elizabeth.

Rebecca Lander, born near Winchester, in 1804; married Adam Carnahan; moved to Christian County and later to McLean County, Illinois. They had several daughters living near Little Rock.



Amos Lander, born near Winchester, went with his father to Christian County. He married a Miss Torian and had four children, but his line is now extinct.

George died unmarried.

Sallie married W. C. Lander, of the tribe of William.

Ursula Lander married Stephen Miller, but they were childless. She was a widow many years, and was living at last account.

Sallie Lander, born near Winchester, in 1808, and married Robert Luckie. They moved to Christian County, and then to Mexico, Mo. They had nine children, but they were only half Landers: Eliza, Martha, William, John, Sallie, Robert, Josephine, Clementina and Florence.

Elizabeth Lander, born near Winchester, in 1810, and married her cousin, Israel, of the tribe of Henry. Her children will be recorded in that connection.

According to our latest and best information the patriarch John has living males that bear the name, ten great-grandsons and ten great-great-grandsons. Total, twenty. One more than was reported in 1891—just holding their own!

## CHAPTER VIII

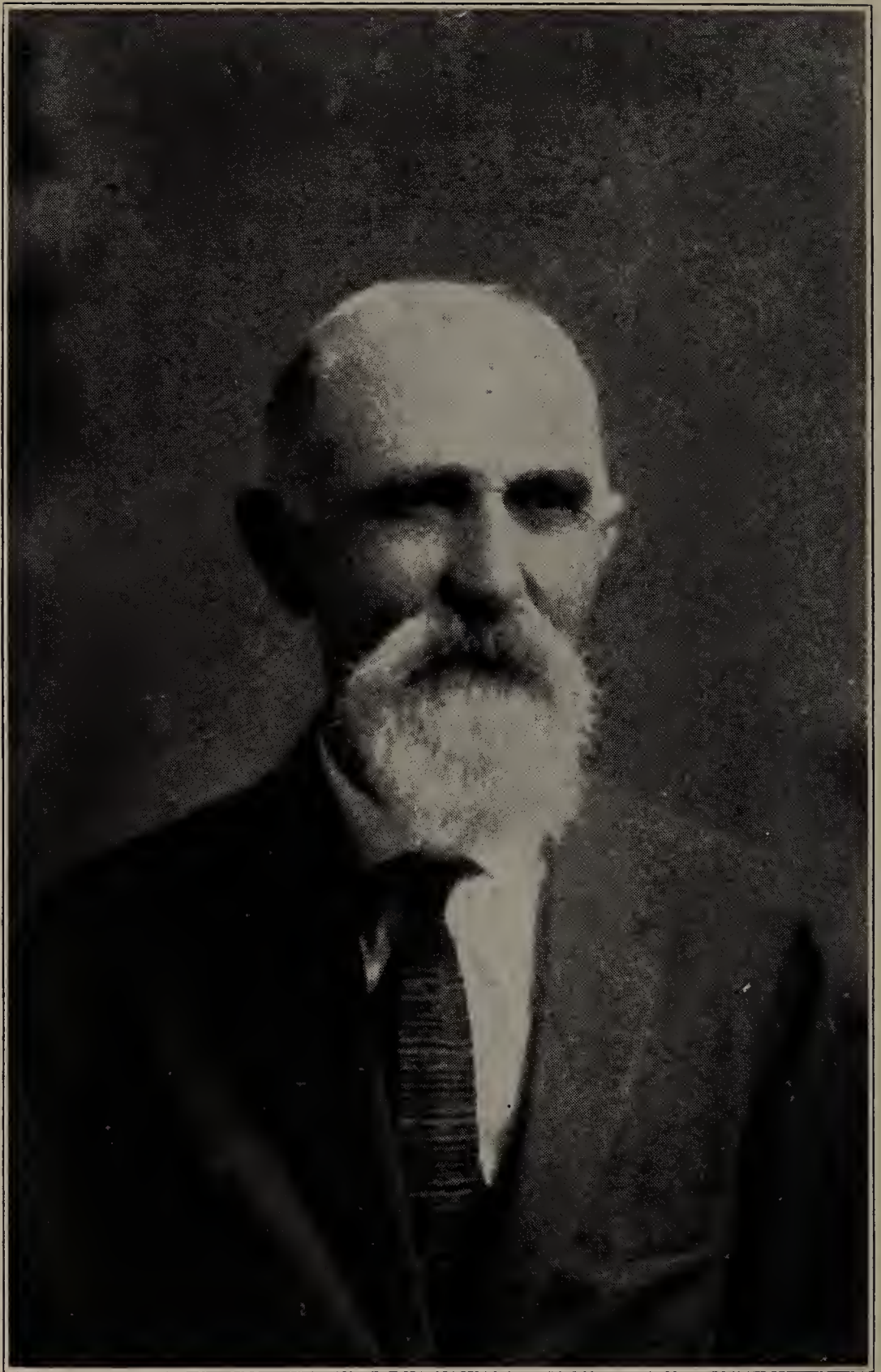
## THE DESCENDANTS OF PATRIARCH WILLIAM

John Strode Lander was born near Winchester, Ky., Aug., 1792. Instead of going to war with Great Britain in 1812, as he might have done, he married Elizabeth Haggard, Sept. 10 of that year, and his descendants connect with the American Revolution through his wife and mother. He moved to Christian County and bought a farm eight miles west of Hopkinsville. He dealt extensively in live stock, and took many premiums at the county fairs. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Baptist. Unfortunately his residence was destroyed by fire and all of its contents were consumed including the family Bible and record.

His first wife died in 1835, the mother of eight children. Two years later he married Sarah W. Bryson, by whom he had three more children. John S. died Jan. 6, 1846, and his second wife died in Missouri, in 1894, after having married a Mr. Thompson, and had two children by him.

William David Lander was born in Christian County, in 1818. He was much like his





ROBERT SHORT LANDER. TRIBE OF WILLIAM



father in many respects—a farmer, a Democrat and a Baptist. His cousin, Russell, wrote of him: “While he was a sociable, clever man, he was the most restless, nervous man I ever saw. He couldn’t sit still ten minutes and talk about anything but trading and money. He owned a large farm in Trigg County and traded in live stock. At the time of his death he was proprietor of Cerulean Springs, a resort of considerable notoriety even in those days. He married Ann Wood Rogers in May, 1843. They had three children and he died Nov. 5, 1878.

John Lander died in infancy.

Julia Polk Lander was born in 1844, and married John D. Gardner when but seventeen years of age. She was a good Christian and did her part in replenishing the earth, being the mother of twelve children—the list given to me is one short: Thomas, Pompey, Minor, Lucy, Walter, John, Hortense, Pearl, Carrie, Tazwell, Lander.

ROBERT SHORT LANDER was born Feb. 23, 1857. He was one of the six hundred twenty-one Kentucky boys who attended Ferrell’s famous school for boys at Hopkinsville, Ky. Two years in that school did much toward shaping his course in life. He assisted his father in the

management of Cerulean Springs until his father's death. Shortly afterwards he and his mother returned to the farm and remained there till 1883, when he entered the livery business in Eddyville. For one year he was superintendent of the branch prison at Eddyville, and has had many prison supply contracts. For a while he was engaged in railroad building, at which he made a financial success. In 1888 he bought a section of land in Illinois, improved it and sold it to good advantage.

He feels that he is now permanently located at Eddyville; and why not there as well as anywhere on the face of the earth? It is beautiful for situation. The Cumberland River in all of its changeful moods—now a sleepy, dreamy shallow stream; now a raging torrent bearing on its heaving bosom logs from mountain forests and many a cherished skiff or canoe—but generally a good stage for navigation and always full of fish! We have the most pleasant recollection of a visit with R. S. in his Eddyville home just before our reunion at Cerulean Springs, in 1921. If we could take our Florida climate along with us we would be delighted to live in Eddyville.

Cousin Robert married Helen Mary, daugh-

ter of Judge T. J. Watkins, Aug. 2, 1885. He is a Methodist in religion and strongly Democratic in politics. Ever since he attended the reunion at Salubria in 1911, he has been greatly interested in our family history. The children, five in number, were:

Roy Lander, died in infancy.

Thomas Watkins Lander, born June 20, 1887. He graduated at Vanderbilt University, and took the degree of D.D.S. in 1908, and is now enjoying a lucrative practice in his native Eddyville. He married Dorothy Wilcox of Kuttawa, Ky., Jan. 31, 1912. But, alas, they didn't stay put—that's the fashion now.

Willie Dee Lander, born in 1889, was unusually bright and attractive. She attended the state university at Lexington, Ky., one year. The next year she was at Ward-Belmont College, Nashville. While there she was taken with a fever and died in 1908.

Maud A. Lander was born 1892. Married A. H. Jenkins of Lebanon, Tenn. They live at 2839 Dalton Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., and have Robert Henry, a precocious and interesting child.

Robert Earl Lander, born June 5, 1896. For some years he has been associated with a large

shoe manufacturing company in St. Louis. He married Grace Lyon Wake, in July, 1919. They probably got married too suddenly. After better acquaintance and mature reflection they discovered so much incompatibility that the marriage relations became unbearable. The whole connection must suffer because of what has happened with these two young men.

Isaac Newton Lander, son of John Strode, was born in Christian County, Ky., and grew up on the farm. He married Amanda Findley and moved to Victoria, Texas. Amanda died, leaving one child. After a sufficient season of mourning Isaac N. married a widow with a few children; she also gave him two daughters. When the Civil War broke out Isaac Newton cast his lot with the Confederacy and died in the army at Point Isabel.

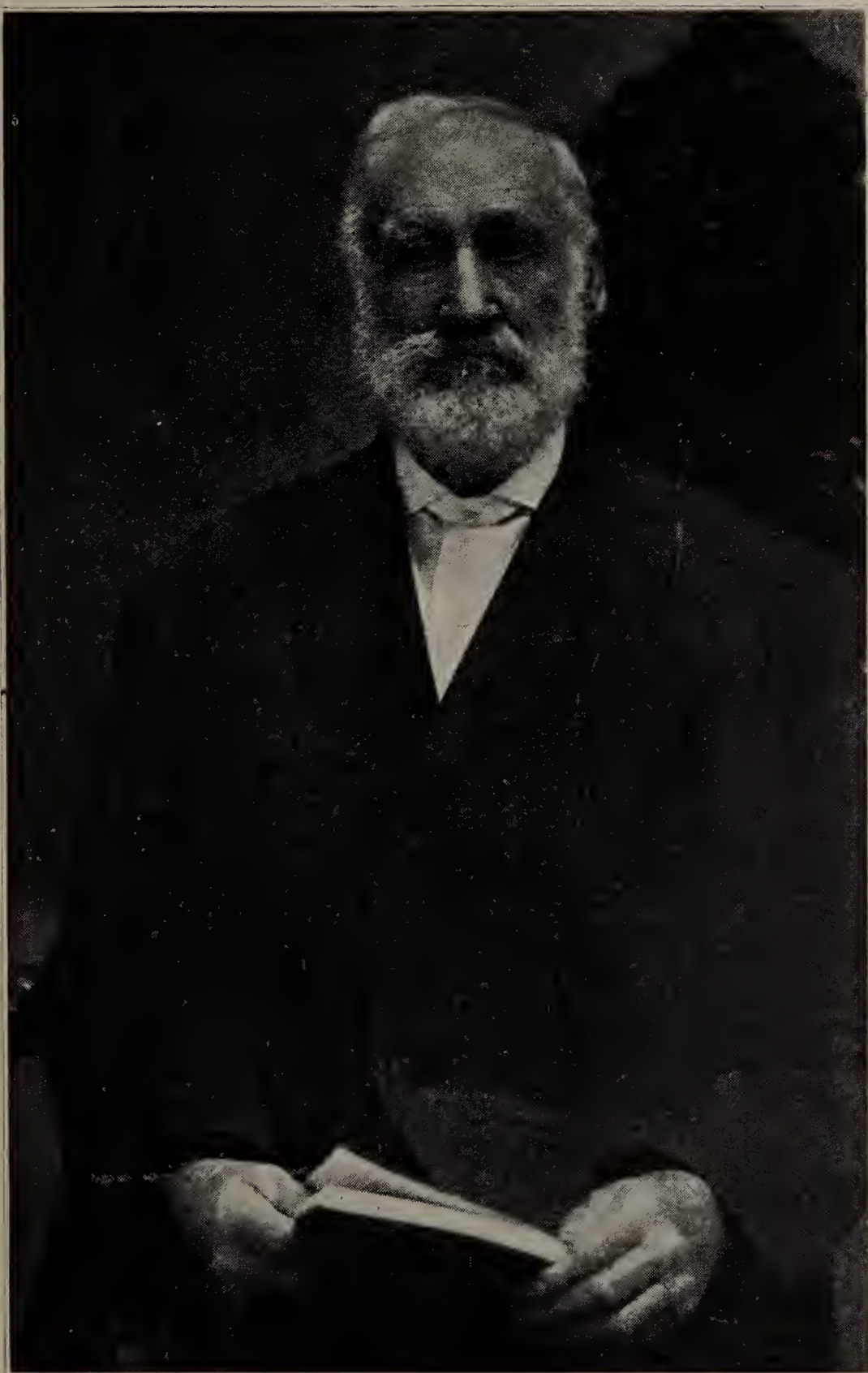
Mettie Lander—someone has written that she is a bright, vivacious and attractive woman, living at Victoria, Texas. Her first husband was a German by the name of Collier. By him she had John Collier and three daughters: Mrs. E. J. Hogan, of Houston, Texas; Mrs. C. T. McFarland and Mrs. R. E. Armstrong. After Mr. Collier was properly buried and lamented Mettie met Mr. Roselle. By and by she met



him again. The oftener they met the better they liked each other, and soon Mettie consented to become Mrs. Roselle; and being still in the prime of life, she had two more daughters: Mrs. J. H. Clegg and Mettie Roselle, Jr.

Kate Lander (we have never learned her early history). In 1884 she was living with a half sister in Pearsall, Texas. We visited Pearsall on church matters and casually met the half brother-in-law and were invited to visit Kate, and if possible, tell her something of her Lander relations of whom she was utterly ignorant. I called the next day and found her a bright, good-looking young lady. She knew only that her father was Isaac Newton Lander, and that he had a brother, James A. Lander, living in Missouri. It so happened that I had met James A. Lander at his home in Missouri and learned that he had a brother I. N. Lander, who died in the Confederate Army in Texas. With that clue I was able to furnish her with a certified pedigree running back through six generations to William the Tailor. I gave her the address of her uncle, but I never learned that she ever corresponded with him or with any of his family. She was overjoyed to learn that she had so many relatives.

*James Allen Lander* was born in Christian County, Ky., Nov. 21, 1824. He inherited all of the thrifty qualities of his father and cultivated them assiduously. Before he was twenty years old he had charge of his father's large estate. In 1845 he went to Missouri to seek his fortune, landing in Cooper County with but fifty cents in his "jeans." He went to work as a farm hand at ten dollars a month. The next year he felt rich enough to marry Nancy Carpenter. She was his faithful wife for fifty-nine years. He bought and sold more than five thousand acres of land, built and conducted the first store in Moniteau County, and this store and a large barn filled with tobacco was burnt by Price's army in 1864. And that gentleman from Kentucky voted the Republican ticket as long as he lived. He furnished ties and bridge timber for the M. K. T. Ry., between Booneville and Sedalia. He organized and was president of the Clarksburg Saving Bank. He was also president of banks in Tipton and California, Mo., and a heavy stockholder in others. He built a fine, large brick dwelling in Clarksburg. In 1888 he moved to Yoakum, Texas, which had but lately been founded. Here he established a bank and built many houses and de-



JAMES A LANDER, WILLIAMITE





veloped a number of farms in that section. Whatever he touched seemed to turn to gold. He was public-spirited and encouraged every laudable enterprise. He managed county fairs and promoted much interest in live stock and agriculture. He succeeded in getting into the millionaire class, so I have heard, and had the good sense to administer his own estate before he died. He reared a large and interesting family, most of whom are settled in Texas. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church for many years. He died March 10, 1916, aged ninety-one years. All of his children were at his bed side when the end came.

Thomas I. N. Lander was born on a farm near Clarksburg, Mo., Aug. 18, 1851. He made good use of such school facilities as obtained in that section during his childhood. For a while he attended a better school in Jefferson City, but he never received a diploma or had any degrees conferred upon him. However, he has enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity and carries more weight than most any man in the community.

His father gave him every opportunity to familiarize himself with his various enterprises. Thus it came about that Thomas I. N. was in

turn a successful agriculturalist, an experienced miller and an up-to-date banker. Before he was twenty he married Mary A. Renshaw, and early in life he became a Christian and united with the Baptist Church. He has a comfortable home in Tipton but operates an extensive farm near by. He has never taken an active part in politics but has always voted the Republican ticket. Perhaps he retains a vivid recollection of what Gen. Price and his army did to his father back in 1864! Thomas had but three children as follows:

Effie May Lander, married Lewis B. McDowell. They live at Tipton, Mo., and have Lander and Lillian.

*Herman W. Lander*, born July 8, 1875; married Lillian Rutherford in 1901, and lives at Clarksburg, Mo., where he has never been at a loss for something to do among the varied interests of the Lander family. Two children call him "Daddy," Roscoe and Myrtle.

The youngest of Thomas I. N.'s children is Clyde, born in 1881, married Nannie M. McPhearson in 1900. They have Mildred, born in 1904. They live at Clarksburg, Mo., and are connected with the Lander interests at that place.

The next of James A.'s children is Cornelia F., born in 1854, married J. C. Tooley, but has been a widow for many years; and it was her privilege to minister to her father in his latter days. She had two children: Maud Embry, was born in 1873 and married Nicholas Biechel, and had Earl Lander Biechel, in 1891. Then it was discovered that she had made a mistake in the choice of a husband. The court set her free in 1901, but after sixteen years of freedom she enslaved herself to William Harrison Shackelford. If he lacks anything in the way of manly qualities perhaps his name will make up for it.

William Lander Tooley, born in 1873, married Honto Hicks, of Moulton, Tex., in 1897. He died in 1924, leaving two sons. The oldest, Joseph H., died in 1925. William Lander, Jr., was born in July, 1905. At present Cornelia and her younger sister, Mrs. Sarah Lander Hickman, are making their home together in the Hotel Chatham, Kansas City, Mo., a happy arrangement for both of them.

Sarah J. Lander comes next, born in 1856, and married N. G. Hickman, and lived near Clarksburg, Mo., until the death of her husband. Since then, as already noted, she has made her home at the the Hotel Chatham, Kan-

sas City, Mo. She had one baby girl, but it died in infancy.

*James E. Lander* was born April 25, 1859, at Clarksburg, Mo. He made good use of his educational opportunities and early launched into business. He married Emma Zeebold in 1883, who lingered by his side till Dec. 22, 1922. They had five children. Two of them died in infancy. The first was *Sylvester E.*, born in 1885, who married Ruthabelle Cross, of Yorktown, Tex., in 1921. They have one daughter, Jane Con. Sylvester lives at Austin, Tex., and is connected with the Austin National Bank.

*Frank Z. Lander*, born in 1888, married Hope Mayfield in 1913. While Frank was away in France helping to win the Great War, his spouse quietly obtained a divorce. When Frank returned, a "conquering hero," and learned what his wife had done, he did not raise a row about it, but quietly accepted the situation and proceeded to court and marry another woman, Miss Jewel ———. (Our informant could not think of her name, but ventured to remark that "She is a very nice, good woman.") Up to the present there are no children in either case. Frank is now a traveling salesman, and his home address is Breckinridge, Tex.



*Louis Edward Lander*, born in 1893, is deferring matrimony, and is practicing law at Yorktown, Tex.

*Catherine Lander* was born in 1861, and married George F. Stapleton. They have a son, George Lander, born in 1893. He is married and has a son, George Lander, Jr.

Catherine Lillian Lander, born in 1896, married James Danforth, and they have a daughter, Rosemary Katherine, born 1920.

Frank B. Lander was born at Clarksburg, Mo., in 1866. He located in California, Mo., in 1885, and engaged in the banking business. After eight years he went to Victoria, Tex., and became vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. In 1923 he removed to Houston, Tex., and went into the real estate business. In 1886 he married Lela McVean. She died in 1900, leaving five children: Eunice married C. T. Rowland, lives at Houston, and has two children, Blair and Helen; *Oscar McV.*, born 1889, married Vivian Holland. He is a planter and stock raiser at Victoria, Tex., and has a son, *Frank B., Jr.*

*Clarence H. Lander*, born 1915.

*Taylor Lander*, born 1920.

*Elizabeth Lander*, born 1925.

After Oscar Lander comes Kathleen, born 1891, who married Jay Wilder in 1910, and has two children, John James and Lela Elizabeth.

Then comes *John William*, or "*Jack*" *Lander*, born 1893. He married Louise Moore in 1924, and lives at Houston, Tex., and is with the Guardian Trust Company.

Then *Alfred Alexander Lander*, born 1898, who married Miss M. Bucker in 1919, and has two children, *Alfred, Jr.*, born 1921, and *Bettie*, born 1923. Present address: 6028 Hudson St., Dallas, Tex.

Frank B. Lander married Mrs. Lillian Dillard in 1907.

*Walter Lander* was born at Clarksburg, Mo., in 1868, and married Miss C. K. Cullers in 1888, when just past 20 years of age. He followed his father in the exodus from Missouri to Yoakum, Tex., and seems to have enjoyed a marked degree of prosperity. It would be strange if he had not been successful, with such a father to advise and help. He was engaged in the livery business before the days of automobiles. He may be running a garage and filling station now. Walter has been blessed with five children and is quite patriarchal.

Sarah M. Lander was born in 1890, married

C. S. Wofford, and has two sons, Chauncy and John T.

Walter Lee Lander, born 1893, married W. Alva Orth, and has two children, Sarah C. and W. Alva, Jr. Mr. Orth was owner of a large flour mill in Yoakum, Tex., but the latest word from him is that he is now located at San Antonio, Tex.

*Charles W. Lander*, born 1895, married Eunice Fitch, and lives at Elmendorf, Tex.

*James Allen Lander, Jr.*, born 1897, married Bonnie Lou Alexander, and died at Yoakum, Tex., leaving a wife and one son, Allen, Jr.

Thompson Redmond Lander, born 1903, married Bessie Williams, and they have a son, Thompson R., Jr.

Walter Lander's first wife died in April, 1921. After a sufficient period of mourning, he married Lilly May Perry, and they have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born Sept. 5, 1924.

*The youngest of J. A. Lander's children is Grace*, born at Clarksburg, Mo., Dec. 15, 1872, who married Joseph M. Haller. They live at Victoria, Tex., and have three children: Lucille, Alline and J. Merrel, Jr. Mr. Haller conducts the Haller Dry Goods Company at Victoria,

and the girls are his efficient helpers. J. Merrill, Jr., is with the Coast Drug Stores in California.

*Stephen Edgar Lander* was born in Christian County, Kentucky, in June, 1827. He married Margaret Robertson, of Hopkinsville, Ky. During the Civil War they lived at Mayfield, Ky., and Stephen was in the tobacco business. In later years he moved to Altoona, Ky., and still later to Calvert City, Ky., where he was engaged in merchandise, including the drug business. He reared a respectable family of four children, and died at the age of 56 years and was buried at Calvert City. His children were: Martha Rose, born July 30, 1852, who married Stephen J. Gregory, and had four children, Lena B., Charles Leslie, Birdie and Eddie, the latter dying in infancy; Margaret Ruth married Claude Clements, of Litchfield, Ky.; Mabel Gregory married Don C. Sutherland, of Booneville, Miss.

*John William Lander* was born Sept. 8, 1853, in Christian County, Kentucky. He married Mary R. Miller, and lived at Calvert City, Ky., and for the most part kept a hotel. (That is our impression.) To this marriage there were six children:



*Milam Elmo Lander.* Our correspondent failed to locate him definitely, but he is a conductor on a Nebraska railroad. He married Cynthia Crowe. They have no children.

*Allie D. Lander* is also a railway conductor in Nebraska, but has never taken time to get married.

Gertrude Lander married B. Harry Edwards. No children.

Hettie Lander married Henry Lindsey, lives at Corinth, Miss., and has a son, R. Lander Lindsey. Pardon me, but I will say that Hettie is one of the best looking of all the cousins I have seen!

Jessie Lander married Clyde Thomas, of Nashville, Tenn. They have four children: Rebecca, Roberta, Martha Rose and Joe Thomas.

Kathryn Lander married Lowell Waddell, of Ohio. They have one child, Billie Perry.

John William lost his first wife in 1899, and installed his cousin, Pearl Gardner, in her place, Feb. 1, 1903. He has been dead several years.

Nonnie Belle, the last of Stephen Edgar's children, married Thomas A. Hord, of Hopkinsville, and they have three children: Lillie Maud married Frank Taylor; Annie Lee married Joseph A. Hamlet, and Ernest Hord is

also married. Sorry we were not invited to the wedding.

*John Strode Lander, Jr.*, was born in Christian County, Ky., June 5, 1830. He was reared on the farm and stayed with it all his life, and enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. He married Mary Bennett, Nov. 5, 1848. A little figuring reveals the fact that he was then but 18 years and 5 months old. His uncle, Jeremiah F. Lander, entered into matrimony when he was but 17 years, 10 months and 8 days old. John and Mary had a daughter named Alice, who, from all accounts, was a peculiar child and perhaps unusually willful. The schoolmistress got out of patience with her one day and gave her a severe beating. It was the scandal of the neighborhood, caused much ugly talk and resulted in a tragedy, over which we draw the veil of charity.

Alice Lander grew to womanhood and married a Mr. Brinkley. She had one daughter, named Ida, and possibly others. After the death of his first wife, John S., Jr., married Mary Blakely. To this marriage there were three sons and one daughter.

William N. Lander, born Jan. 26, 1853, married Fannie Bob Richardson in 1884. They

lived near Gracey, Ky., and W. N. died in February, 1897, leaving one son, William R. Lander, who was born May 8, 1886. He married Frances Felix, Dec. 27, 1905. They had three children: Darwin was born Aug. 20, 1907; Mary Bob, born Jan. 22, 1911, and Ella Henry, born April 16, 1913. In January, 1916, William R. Lander lost his first wife. Nearly three years later, Oct. 30, 1918, he married Mary Bell Smith. W. R. is a worthy citizen, an industrious son of toil, always votes the Democratic ticket, and worships at the Baptist shrine.

Charles T., son of John Strode Lander, was born Oct. 23, 1852. When 32 years old and still unmarried, he was thrown from a horse against a barbed-wire fence and bled to death.

John R. Lander, born Dec. 25, 1854, died when about grown.

Bettie A. Lander, born May 6, 1860, married M. S. Hopson, and lives at Hopkinsville, Ky. They have an interesting family of children and grandchildren. (I had some of their names and Cousin Bettie gave me other data, but I got it so confused by interlining that I made a mess of the whole thing, for which I am as sorry as I can be.)

Letitia Lander married John Murphy, at Clarksburg, Mo., and had six children: John, James, Mart, Sallie, Ann Mary and Lucy.

Martha Ann Lander married Austin Benham, of Todd County, Kentucky, and moved to Goliad, Tex., before the Civil War. They had seven children: James, Newton, William, Sarah, John, Elizabeth and Martha. All these entered matrimony except William.

*Nannie*, daughter of John Strode Lander by his second wife, was born Sept. 19, 1838. She married a Mr. McQuade, and died in Missouri. Her only child died in infancy.

Virginia Lander, born Sept. 14, 1840, married W. L. Crumbaugh, Aug. 3, 1856, at the age of "sweet sixteen"! They lived many years at Eddyville, Ky. She attended our reunion at Salubria Springs, Ky., in 1911. She was the mother of five children: Mary married Judge Bennett, once chief justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. She was a brilliant woman and greatly interested in our family history. She was a woman of whom we all may be proud. She promised to write for this book an article on Letitia Strode and her ancestors. Next to Mary was Clea Crumbaugh. She married A.



C. Glass. Sadie married J. B. Smith. Then came John E. and Nellie.

Thomas W. Lander, born Aug., 1843, never married. He was in the Confederate Army. He may have died in the Soldiers' Home at Austin, Tex.

*Henry Lander*, second son of the Patriarch William, was born in Clark County, Kentucky, Feb. 28, 1794. He grew up on the farm and was just ripe for the War of 1812. He joined "Dick" Johnson's brave band of Kentucky farmers and went to the front. He was at the battle of Thames River and was near Colonel Johnson when he fired the shot that killed the great Chief Tecumseh. Returning from the war, he went with his brother, John S., to Christian County, Kentucky. (?) He married Nancy, daughter of Major Wiley Brassfield, of Clark County, Kentucky, Dec. 10, 1818. To this union there were three sons and two daughters. Nancy died in Trigg County, Kentucky, and when the grass grew green on her grave the valiant Henry captured a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Mimms. From what we have learned there was never any love lost between her children and those of the first marriage, for they came fast and furious until eight had ar-

rived. Henry continued farming and trading in western Kentucky till 1853, when he moved to Washington County, Illinois. In politics Henry was a Whig, and in religion a Baptist. His youngest son wrote of him: "One of his mottoes was, 'Better give than go to law.' " He died Nov. 28, 1862.

Catherine Ann Elizabeth Ship Lander was born near Winchester, Ky., July 8, 1820, and with all that name and the name of Hudson annexed later, she lived 92 years and a half! Her mother died when she was 11 years old. She was a beautiful girl and had many suitors, the most persistent of whom was A. G. Hudson, of Virginia, a saddler's apprentice at Hopkinsville, Ky. There is a bit of romance connected with their marriage. Her cousin, Martha Ann, was about to run away with Austin Benham, because her parents objected to the match. Martha requested Catherine Ann Elizabeth Ship to accompany her. Without inquiring who would constitute the party and glad to have a joke on his brother, John S., Henry consented to Catherine's going. Alas for him, the joke was double-barreled. Mr. Hudson went along, unbeknown to Henry, and there was a double marriage at Memphis, Tenn., July 11, 1835.

When the party returned, Wyley was the first of the family to hear what had happened, and thus he broke the news to his father, saying, "Pap, Kit's done got married"! Henry was furious. He bellowed around and pawed up the earth like a mad bull, and, possibly at the instigation of the stepmother, he disinherited his child. Catherine's mother had previously given her a negro girl, and that was the extent of her dowry. The marriage was a happy one, however, and their diamond wedding anniversary was celebrated at Humansville, Mo. Mr. Hudson lived to be 99 years old and his wife 93. They had nine children: Charles, James, John, Philip, Daniel, Elizabeth, Catherine, Mary and Henry, the latter dying in infancy.

*William B. Lander*, son of Henry, was born near Winchester, Ky., Feb. 10, 1823. For awhile he attended school at Lexington, Ky., and was fairly well educated. He learned the blacksmith's trade and worked at it a good part of his life. His father gave him a farm in Trigg County, Kentucky. He married Catherine Smoot, of Christian County, Kentucky, and kept a store, postoffice and blacksmith shop at Bellview, Ky., which was in the midst of the

Lander settlement, about ten miles west of Hopkinsville. Later W. B. moved onto a farm closer to Hopkinsville, and finally moved into the city, where he died of Bright's disease in 1898. His wife survived him ten years. He was a Baptist, an influential Mason and an un-failing Democrat. They had eight children, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1892. Their children are, as follows:

*Lucy Ann Lander* married Col. A. V. Towns (C. S. A.), and has four children: Mrs. Catherine Comstock, Mrs. William Nixon, Alfred and Lucy.

*Elizabeth Jane Lander* married W. E. Fullilove, a Confederate soldier. He was a prominent contractor and builder in Louisville, Ky. They had five children, but only one is living now.

William T. Lander died in infancy.

George V. Lander. His earthly career was spent in and about Hopkinsville, Ky. He was a carpenter by trade. In 1880 he married Susie Randolph, and they had seven children; one died in infancy.

Claude, son of George V. Lander, was born Sept. 1, 1881. He was twice married, first to Florence Radcliff, and after her death to



Estelle Moore. His children are: Lenore, Clementine and *Claude*, the latter born in 1816.

Elizabeth Lander, born 1884, married R. H. Blanford, and has two sons, Joseph and Dennis.

*Arthur Lander*, born Aug. 8, 1886, married Gerthie Whittaker, and has two sons, *Charles*, born 1911, and *Fred*, born 1915.

Luceile Lander died when 26 years old.

Vivian Lander (a son), born Aug. 10, 1897, married a Miss Rose. Mary Lander died at the age of 23 years.

Jack B. Lander was born in Christian County, Ky., July 15, 1856. He spent much of his life in the coal fields in western Kentucky. He married Mollie Stroube in 1883. He and his son, Jack, were at the Reunion in 1911. He was an earnest Christian and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He fell asleep Nov. 26, 1920, leaving a widow and five children.

Edna C. Lander, born 1887, married Edgar Martin.

William B. Lander (named after his grandfather), born May 10, 1892, married Beulah Gleghorn, and have two sons, *Robert* and *Leslie*.

*Jack S. Lander*, born Sept. 16, 1893, married Mattie Shaw, and they had a fine son, James Edward, with them at the Reunion in 1921. Jack has a good position with the coal interests at Nortonville, Ky., and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

Hugh G. Lander, born March 9, 1898, married Elizabeth Dillingham in 1920, and have a daughter, Mollie Frances.

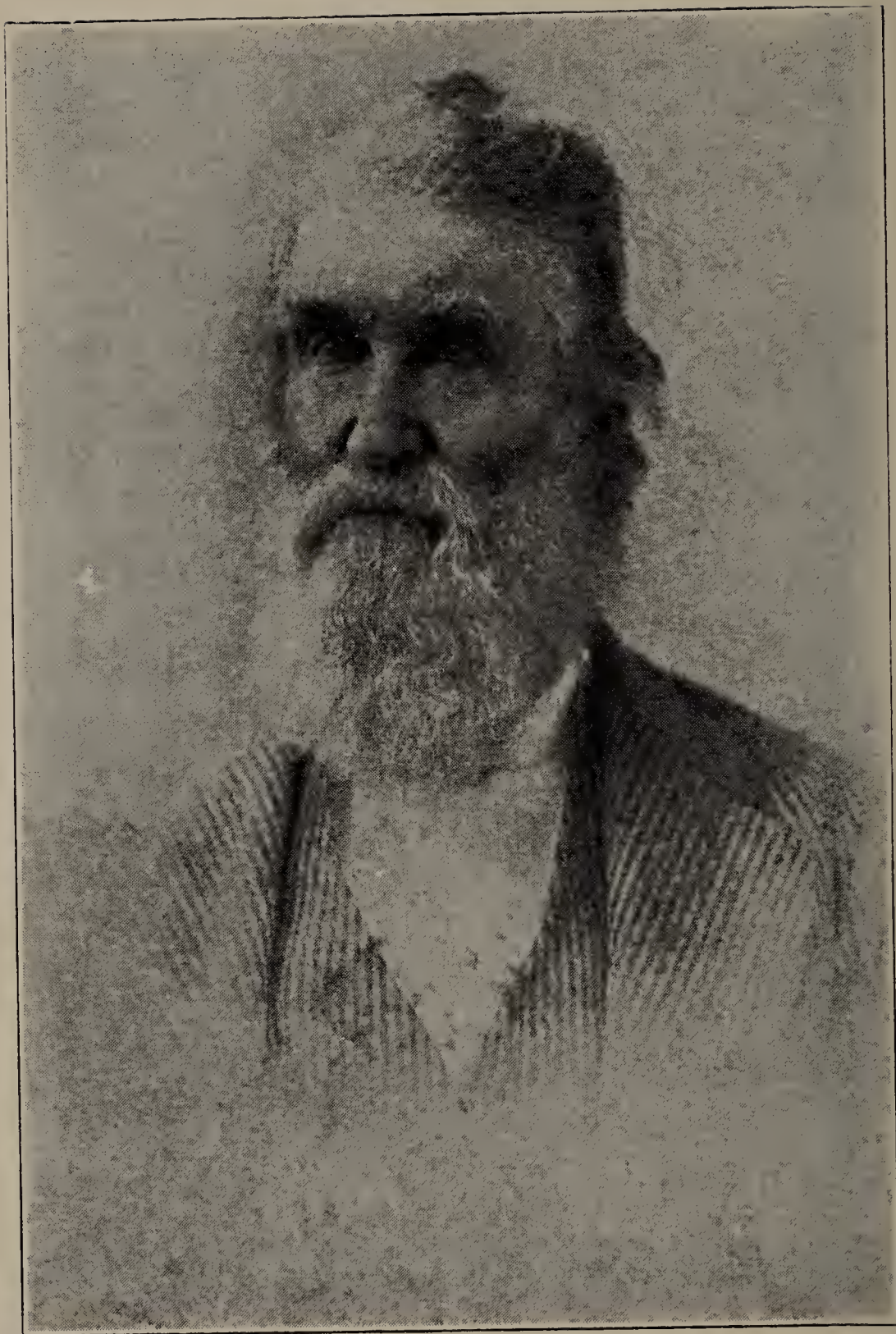
Otho Graves Lander, born in Christian County, Kentucky, in 1858, married Emma Adamson, and died at Hopkinsville, Ky., October, 1896, leaving four children: Samuel T., born in 1883 and died in 1890; Otho, Jr., born 1883, married Mary Tuget in 1907, and has two children, Grace Virginia and Fred Samuel, the latter born in 1908; Mary, born 1886, died in 1890; Allen, born 1888, died in 1918.

Linnie Kate Lander married Charles H. Hill. She and four interesting daughters attended the Reunion in 1911: Zela Mai, Eleanor, Margaret and Addie Virginia. The mother and Addie V. were with us at Cerulean, Ky., in 1921. They live at Nashville, Tenn.

Margaret Buckner Lander rather late in life was happily married to J. A. Barbee. They lived some years in Guthrie but are back again







WILEY ROY LANDER

Descent: 1—William, the tailor; 2—Henry, father of Patriarchs; 3—  
William, fifth Patriarch; 4—Henry; 5—Wiley, father of 19 children



in Hopkinsville. Both are devoted Baptists and are greatly interested in our history. They attended the reunions in 1911 and 1921. This brings us to the end of W. B. Lander's family, and now we have reached the banner family.

*Wiley Roy Lander*, born near Winchester, Jan. 1, 1826. He saw enough of his step-mother to become greatly embittered toward her, and never got over it. In a letter dated June 29, 1886, he wrote: "Where do stepmothers go when they leave here? I don't want to go to the same place." Wiley was a farmer, but moved too often to succeed well. He married Elizabeth Walden and, by her, had 19 children. They were dropped around in five different counties: Mercer, Boyle, Christian, Hopkins and Muhlenburg. Wiley was living at Hopkinsville when the Civil War broke out and was twice drafted in one year. In May he paid \$300 to be exempt. When drafted again he went to the front and became a first lieutenant of the 17th Kentucky Cavalry. He was discharged on account of sickness.

He and his wife and several of the children were members of the Disciples Church. They finally settled at Bergin, Ky., and there death came to Wiley in a most horrible form. He was

run over by a train of cars. Both of his legs were cut off and he lived but a little while. Five years before one of his sons was killed in the same way near the same spot. He also had a daughter killed by lightning and a son-in-law murdered. The children were as follows:

Ann Elizabeth, born in 1847, and Addison Henry, born in 1849. Both died in infancy.

*John Wiley Lander*, born July, 1850. He has led an uneventful life as a farmer. He was a great home body—never married, and was too bashful to look toward a woman except those of the family. He comes as near attending to his own business as any man who ever lived.

Rosaline and Emma Inez were twins, and both died in infancy.

*Eugene Leslie*, born Aug. 26, 1855. Married Lee A. Masterson in 1891. Moved to Odessa, Mo., in 1884. He is a farmer, Democrat, and a Presbyterian. They had three children at the last account: Leslie Roy, born Dec. 22, 1891; Mary Lee, born Dec. 3, 1898, and Irene, born in 1903.

Mary Kate, born in 1856, married E. M. Deane in 1877. To this union one daughter

was born, who is now Mrs. Elizabeth Pruitt. Mr. Deane died years ago and Mary Kate was a disconsolate widow many years. One day I was riding on a train in Polk County, Florida, and chanced to sit with a gentleman from Kentucky. We fell into conversation and grew quite chummy when we discovered that we were fellow Kentuckians. When he learned that my name was Lander he became more interested; said he was J. A. Shaver, of Greenville Ky., and that years ago he had a sweetheart named Mary Kate Lander, and often wondered what had become of her. I told him that I could place her if he could give me her father's name. He said it was Wiley, and I gave him her address and told him that she was now a grandmother and a widow. He said that he would write to her as soon as he got home. Well, sir, he got home and got busy. In a few weeks I heard from both of them. They were married and were supremely happy.

Earnest Steele Lander, born in Hopkins County, Ky., April, 1825. When grown went to Kansas City and drove a streetcar for 11 years. In 1891 he married Flora Carpenter, a schoolmistress. She died after bearing two

children: *Earnest Walden*, born Nov. 12, 1892, and *Harvey Claire*, born Feb. 14, 1895.

Fannie Hutoka, born in 1859, died in infancy.

Maria Blanche, born in 1861, was killed by lightning in 1879.

William Speed Lander, born in Hopkinsville Oct. 3, 1862. He drove a street car in Kansas City several years and went to Chicago in 1891. There he married Kate Collins and has been a policeman in "plain clothes" ever since. He lives at 6201 Wabash Ave., Englewood. So far as we know, he is the only Roman Catholic in our connection, but appears to be a very desirable citizen. He has three children: *Glen Lander*, born in Chicago, July 4, 1893; *Grace Lander*, born in Chicago, May 14, 1898, and *Francis Hugh Lander*, born in Chicago Dec. 24, 1902.

Lucy Gertrude Lander, born in 1863. Married George Mitchell, and lives at Nortonville, Ky. They have Eugene and Mary.

Horace Buckner Lander was born in Hopkins County, April 30, 1865. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood and a very desirable citizen. He was a car inspector in Louisville for many years. He attended the reunion



in 1911 and made a fine impression among the cousins. Recently he crossed the Great Divide, leaving the widow and three children: *George Wiley Lander*, born at Harrodsburg, Ky., April 30, 1888. Had a letter from him today (Oct. 15, 1925). It was written by "Rose," his wife. I never learned who she was, but, judging from the letter, I take her to be a very capable and sensible woman. They live at 1147 Halpin Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. I don't know what George is doing. Evidently they are not entirely satisfied with Cincinnati, and they wish to know about Florida. For me, Florida is the only State in the Union. A large margin must be made for disappointments. I'll answer the letter immediately. Pardon this digression. Where were we? Oh, yes! *Ruby Lander*, born June 21, 1895. She should be married by this time. I wonder if she is! *Cora Gladys Lander*, born at Louisville, Dec. 27, 1901, not far from "Mrs. Wigg's Cabbage Patch." Mother and daughters, may the sheltering arms of our Heavenly Father ever enfold you!

*Lee Walden Lander*, fourteenth of the Banner family, was born in Muhlenburg County, Dec. 24, 1867. He joined the regular army May 11, 1904, Co. C, 12th Inf. Was dis-

charged at Fort Douglas, May 12, 1907. He served in the Philippines and contracted consumption, from which he died at Bergin, Ky., in 1914.

Maud Shelby Lander, born May 4, 1868, married Green Timberlake in 1887. They live at Moreland, Ky., and have Myrtle, Deane, Gertrude, Leona, Jones and Carl.

Beriah Magoffin Lander, a twin of Maud Shelby, was killed by a train Sept. 5, 1881, as already mentioned.

Jessie Jolene Lander died in infancy.

Lena Morton, born in 1871, married Henry Frye, and had Lonnie and Everett. She buried Mr. Frye and is now Mrs. R. A. Talbott.

Cora V. Lander, born in 1874, married R. T. Perkins, and lives at Bergin. Of this large family, six died in infancy and five sons and six grandsons are living.

James W. Lander. When 13 years old, he was with his aunt, Elizabeth Winn, in Mercer County. His father sent for him to come home. At the breakfast table he said: "Aunt Betsy, I'd rather die than go home where that old step-mother is." And he didn't go, for when he went to bridle his horse he was kicked to death. So wrote his sister, Mrs. Hudson.

Elizabeth Lander married John B. Kirby, and lived near Nicholasville, Ky. The following are Henry's children by that "awful stepmother": Grace Lander, born in 1835, married Orlando Davis, and had a son, William. Susan E. Lander, born in 1839, married W. H. Clayton in 1853. She was living in 1912 at Galesburg, Ill. Her daughter, Mrs. Miriam Walton, lives at Greenville, Ill. Mary E. Lander, born in 1841, married James Dillinger in 1872. Miriam C. Lander, born in 1845, died in 1854. Nancy E. Lander, born in 1847, married Jacob Fanestock in 1873. She had Charles Lander Fanestock, M. D., of McCook, Neb., and a daughter, Jennie, who married Fenwick Kendall, and lives at Staunton, Ill. Henry Foster Lander was born at Bellevue, Ky., March 9, 1843, and was 10 years old when the family moved to Washington County, Ill. He was a soldier in the Civil War, Co. A, 22nd Ill. Inf. When but 19 years old he contracted the marrying habit and first annexed Susan Robertson, of Todd County, Ky. He was a merchant the greater part of his life, a Republican in politics, and a Southern Methodist in religion. He lived at Nashville and Ashley, Ill., Blossom, Tex., Conway and Quit-

man, Ark. By the first wife he had one son and four daughters. The son and two daughters died in infancy. Ophelia married W. P. Dickey, of Blossom, Tex., and died, leaving four daughters: Florence, Maud, Clyde and Vera.

*Olive S. Lander* married George W. Clark, a prominent lawyer of Conway, Ark. (now, 1925, judge of the 17th judicial district). They have four children: Meredith (married W. H. Slane, who owns a large hosiery plant at High Point, N. C.), Hugh D. (was in the navy during the World War. He is superintendent of schools at Hope, Ark. Married Bonnie Kimbro, and has Hugh D., Jr.), Mary E. (now Mrs. Ted Lipps, of Oklahoma), and lastly, dear little Flora Sue. She was with her mother at Cerulean in 1921. We all enjoyed them and loved them. Flora Sue won our hearts completely. But the little streak of sunshine flashed across our path but for a little while. Shortly after they returned home Flora Sue was playing with other children around a bonfire. Her clothing caught on fire, and in spite of every effort to save her the sweet spirit took its flight.



“Oh, not in cruelty, not in wrath,  
The Reaper came that day;  
’Twas an angel visited the green earth,  
And took the flowers away.”

John’s first wife died in 1877. After a sufficient period of mourning, he married a widow, Mrs. P. E. Eden. She bore him a son, Charles E. Lander, born March 31, 1881. At 20 he married Willie Davenport. He was a carpenter by trade and was foreman of the Missouri Pacific Railway car shops at Argenta, Ark. He was a devout Christian and highly esteemed. He died at the Missouri Pacific Railway Hospital in St. Louis, and was buried by the Woodmen at Morrillton, Ark. His widow and two children: Virgie Lander, and Charles E. Lander, Jr., born July 4, 1906, live at Tulsa, Okla.

Going back to John S. Lander, his second wife died March 11, 1907, and on Jan. 27, 1909, he married Mrs. F. E. Austell, of Dallas, Tex. For a time he lived at Quitman, Ark., and was a “rural router” for several years. After a long illness he died, Oct. 27, 1917.

Charles Nathan Lander, the last of Henry’s children, was born Aug. 21, 1849. He was

never married, but became a confirmed wanderer. When last heard from him, he was at Dawson City, Alaska.

*Stephen Strobe Lander*, born near Winchester, Ky., Feb. 22, 1796. He was reared on the farm and stayed with it till he died. He acquired a good education and possessed a quiet dignity and manly bearing that commanded the respect of all who knew him. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church. Before the Civil War, he was a Whig, but when that party ceased to function he became a Democrat. He owned a number of slaves but was a humane master. He moved to Christian County and bought a farm near Gracey. He married Mary Torian, June 10, 1829. She died in 1865. Stephen was a justice of the peace for many years. It was my privilege to meet him a few years before he died. He was tall and venerable looking and though much past 70 years of age could easily mount his horse and rode like a brigadier-general. Had I cared as much for genealogy as I do now he could have given me all of the early history of our family. He and Mary had nine children: Martha Lander, born May 20, 1830; married A. E. Owen and lived near Gracey. She had 10 children: Elizabeth,

Otho, George, Frank, Lucy Walter (a girl), Cora and Maud. They were shy about writing. George W. Lander, born near Gracey, Ky., Jan. 24, 1832. He was a farmer but moved to Hopkinsville and kept a livery stable for some years. I was entertained at his home when, as a schoolboy, I went to Hopkinsville as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. G. T. My impression of him was that he was a worthy citizen. His first wife was Sallie Summers, who bore him two children and died. Without wasting much time George proceeded to marry "his deceased wife's sister," Amanda. None could blame him, for she was a charming woman and added five children to the family list. Albert W. Lander was born in Hopkinsville, July, 1859. He received a high school education and acquired popular manners and a pleasing address. When fully grown, instead of going west to "grow up with the country," he went to Texas and settled in Dallas County. His address was New Hope, and he was a member of the Disciples church. He was president of the Dallas County Sunday School Association. He was doing an extensive business at New Hope—had a large store, was president of the Farmers' Bank and was rated away up in

G. I had a long and interesting letter from him some 15 years ago, but now all is changed. I can't get a word from any of the family. Even New Hope seems to have gone to smash, and citizens of that community get their mail at Mesquite. I have wasted several good stamps trying to get an account of things as they are now. I can only tell you how things were 15 years ago.

Albert married Leah Miller in 1885. They have four sons and six daughters: Lois Lander, born in 1887, is a successful teacher; Mil-lar, born in 1889, received a good education, and clerks in his father's store; Paul was born in 1891; Ruth graduated from high school in 1911; Martha Lander, born in 1897; Joel, born in 1899; Annie Leah, born in 1901, died in infancy; Annie Leah, II, born in 1903; Philip was born in 1905, Esther in 1908, Elizabeth in 1911. This completes Albert's family, as it was, but the following is also ancient history, though it is not my fault:

Sarah Lander married Albert McGehee, of Clarksburg, Tenn. She was left a widow with a son, Archie, and two daughters.

Ernest Lander, by the second wife, was born in 1867. He married Minnie Brown, and lives



in Dallas; is employed in the railway service, and, at last account, had Linwood, born in 1900, and Raphael, born in 1906.

George Lander, born in Hopkinsville, married somebody and has Ernest, Eula Grace, Adrian and William.

Summers Lander, born in Hopkinsville, is a farmer in Dallas County, Tex. He married Sarah Connaway and has three children: Harry, Homer and Jewell.

Mary Lander lived with Albert, and died there.

Morton Lander married Rose Watterson in 1908, lived in Dallas and died there. They had Mildred Lander.

Letitia, the next of Stephen's children, died in infancy.

Mary E. Lander died unmarried in 1882.

Letitia Lander, born in 1838, married Dr. R. W. Ware in 1858. They had four children: Annie Belle married R. E. McRoberts, Mary Ellen, James Harry and Harry P., who at one time conducted a dog kennel at Hopkinsville. Years ago I advertised in a Hopkinsville paper for knowledge of the descendants of William Lander. Dr. Ware answered the ad, and I shall always thank him.

Susan E. Lander, born in 1840, married T. V. Roberts. She had one son, Philip, who has the reputation of being a model farmer.

Stephen Lander, born in 1845, married Annie Thomas in 1872. He conducted a store at Housley, Tex., for some years. He has four children: Maud, Edith, Nina and Morris. I wish we had more recent returns, but that's the way with some people!

Arabella Lander, born in 1849, married W. J. McGehee, of Clarksville, Tenn., and was left a widow with four children: Carl, Jacob, Morton and James.

James E. Lander, born in 1857, married Anna Hays and died in 1879. He had one son, who died in infancy.

Some weeks since I urged Rev. S. B. Lander to write the history of the next family, of which he is a member, but I can't wait any longer, and must plod along.

*William Lander, Jr.*, was born in Clark County, March 4, 1799. He studied law in Winchester, probably with some local attorney, as was customary in those days. When he graduated he "went west" to grow up with the country. His "west," however, was Princeton, Ky. There he practiced his profession with

good success till he died in 1834. His first wife was Margaret Drish, of Cerulean Springs. She lived but a short time after they were married. William got lonesome, and on October 11, 1825, he married Pauline Dudley, of Salubria Springs. Her father, Capt. Robert Dudley, was in the War of 1812, and fell at River Raisin. Her grandfather, Ambrose Dudley, was a pioneer Baptist preacher. He and his son, Tom, in succession ministered to the Bryant Station church for 100 years. Pauline died two months before her husband. They had two children.

Robert H. Lander was born at Princeton, Ky., in 1826. When his parents died he and his sister were reared by the Dudleys. As Robert grew up he preferred the life of a farmer, and came into possession of a valuable home near Princeton. For some years he lived in the city. He led an active life and was interested in everything that tended toward the betterment of the community. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. He married Pernicia Wall and they had 12 children born to them, but seven of them died in infancy. Without any warning a cancerous growth developed under his right arm

and quickly sapped his life. He walked about until within three days of his death.

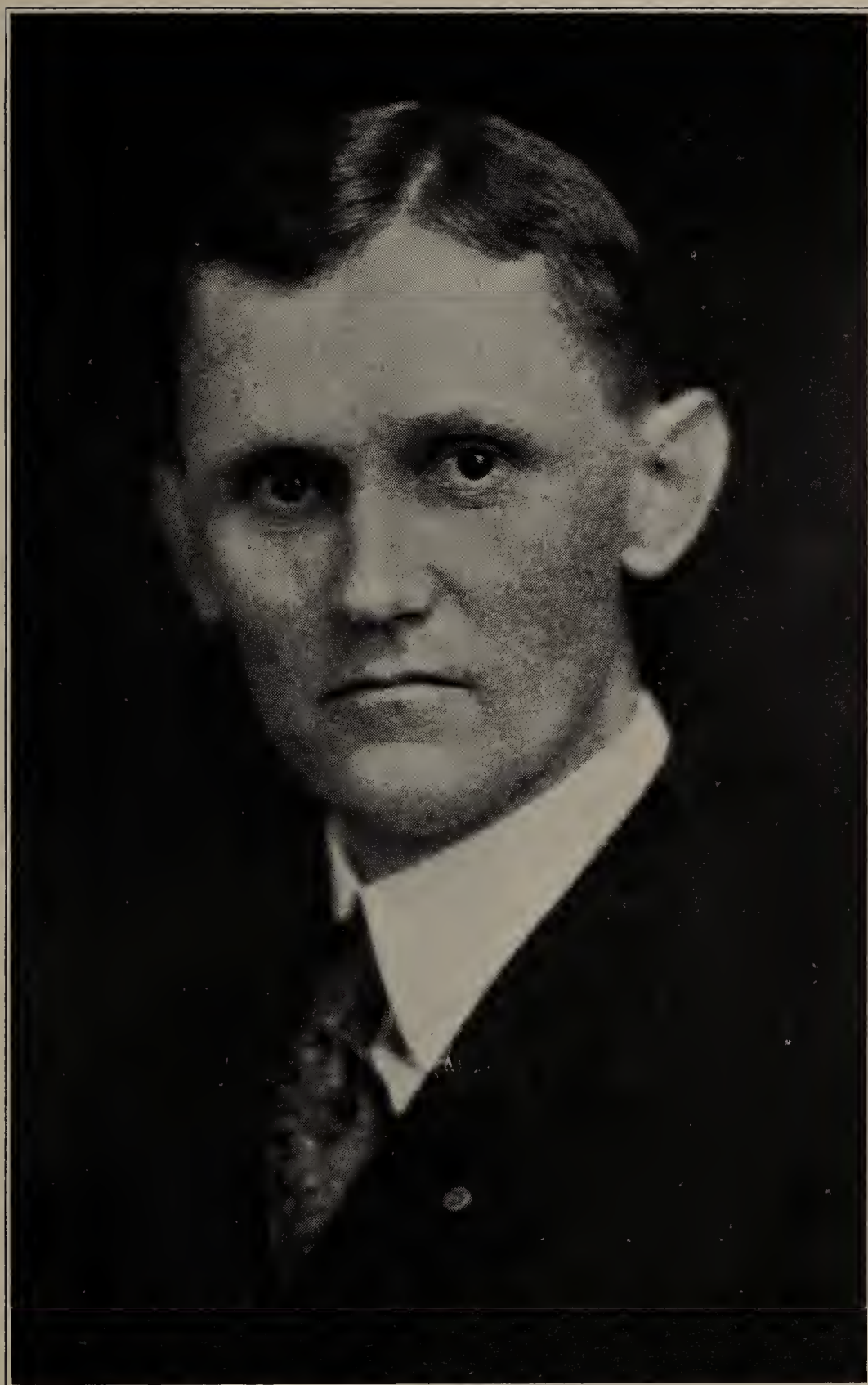
Charles William Lander, born at Princeton in 1854, where he was reared, and there he still resides. He takes a lively interest in all that is going on. He votes the Democratic ticket, is a Master Mason and a firm believer in the Christian religion, but has never made a profession. He has been one of the leading merchants of Princeton for many years. He was at the last reunion at Cerulean and made an inspiring address to the assembled cousins. He married Maggie Harlan, of Paducah, Ky., in 1893. They had but one child, Mary H. Lander, born in 1894. She married J. B. Davis in 1909.

Rosa Rhett Lander, born in 1863, married R. C. Simms in 1889, and died, leaving Bryant, Mary, Elizabeth, Robbie and Bernice.

Robert Yancy Lander, born in 1865. He went to Maricopa, Calif., and is some sort of an engineer—civil or otherwise. He seems to have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity lately. He has never married, but has tacked an “s” onto the end of his name and spells it “Landers.”

REV. STEPHEN BRECKENRIDGE LANDER was born at Princeton, Ky., July 19, 1878. He





REV. STEPHEN BRICKINRIDGE LANDER, WINCHESTER, KY.



was reared in Princeton or nearby, and was religiously inclined from his youth. He joined the church at an early age and while still a youth was ordained an elder in the church. He early felt a call to preach and after due preparation at Centre College and the Presbyterian seminary at Louisville, he was ordained by Louisville Presbytery of the Southern Presbyterian church, June 23, 1908. He was installed pastor of the Bloomfield and Big Spring churches. He served those churches very acceptably for nine years. He was then called to Carlisle, Ky., where he stayed four years and did good work. He has been pastor at Winchester since April 1, 1921. He is back to the place where his grandfather was born. And it's a good place to stay! S. B. was made a Doctor of Divinity by Wesleyan College, Winchester, in 1923, and he seems to be quite popular. He is something of a "jiner." He belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Sons of American Revolution, Country Club, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, etc., etc. Besides all this, he is much in demand as a popular preacher. He married Miss Clyda Virginia Waddell, of Somerset, Ky., in 1908. They

have one child: Virginia Waddell Lander, born at Bloomfield, Ky., Sept. 2, 1908.

*William C. Lander*, born at Princeton in 1828, was reared by his Grandmother Lander. He married Sallie Lander, daughter of Amos, the Johnite. Sallie bore him two daughters and died. W. C. mourned for his cousin many years, then married a Miss Rogers. He was a Baptist and read his Bible a great deal. He lived to a ripe old age in Caldwell County. His only child was Robert Lander, who married a Miss Penner.

Clementina Lander married F. A. Pasteur, who for many years was clerk of the county court at Princeton. He wrote beautifully with his left hand, his right arm having been shot away while he was in prison with General John Morgan.

Ursula Carr Lander. (I have never been able to get a line on her.)

*Nancy P. Lander* married James Stevenson, a silversmith of Hopkinsville. She was a faithful worker in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. She was a widow many years and died at a ripe old age. She had five children; two are dead. Two married brothers by the name of Reeder, and one, Elizabeth Pauline, with



two or three nieces, was at the reunion in 1921 and seemed to have the time of her life among the cousins. She was unmarried at that time.

*Pauline G. Lander*, born in Princeton, Nov. 25, 1831. As already noted, she was reared by the Dudleys. Whether she received better advantages or was self-educated, she was easily first among all the kindred of her generation. When past 80 she could write a more beautiful and interesting letter than nine-tenths of the present day graduates. She was greatly interested in our family history and contributed much to the success of this work. She was the center of attraction at the reunion in 1911. She married her cousin, Wilson J. Lander, of the Henryites, in which connection her children are given. She was a widow in Hopkinsville for many years. Though greatly afflicted, she led an active life and was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends.

Hannah, daughter of the patriarch, William, was born in Clark County in 1801. She married Josiah Miller in 1821 and died in 1825.

Mary Lander, born in 1805, married Elijah Shepardson in 1823 and died two days later.

Eliza Ann, a twin of Mary, also died in 1823.

*Jeremiah Foster Lander*, born in Clark

County in 1807, married Mary McAtee, Sept. 28, 1825, aged 17 years, 10 months and 8 days. He bears the palm as the youngest husband in our connection. He spent his life at farming and died in 1834, leaving four children.

Elizabeth Lander married a Mr. Bishop, and had Napoleon and Shelby. The family moved to Missouri and Elizabeth died soon afterward.

James H. Lander, born in Christian County about 1830. He was a farmer; married Lucy Thompson, of Cadiz, Ky. They had several children and moved to Pilot Grove, Mo. I think they loaded everything into a two-horse wagon shortly after the Civil War and moved to Texas. Since then no tidings have ever returned from any of them. I'd like to know.

Catherine Lander, born in 1832, married Clay Jones in 1847. She died in 1908, the mother of 10 children, five of which were living at the last account. Alice married J. A. Conrad and lived at Paducah, Ky.; Willie married J. W. Pickering and lives at Evansville, Ind.; Maud married Herman Kirchoff and lived at Dayton, Ohio; Lucy married John N. Gastry, of Nashville (209 Overton St.); Hays Jones

married Henrietta Wallace, and lives at Morton's Gap, Ky.

Hannah Lander died at the age of 15 from the sting of a hornet.

*James Harvey Lander*, born in Clark County in 1809, was reared near Gracey, Ky. He was a successful farmer and traded in live stock and tobacco. He also kept a store for some years. He married Mary Jones in 1833. He was a Democrat and a Baptist. His home was ever open to the preachers. He was a widower many years and was in poor health for some time before he died in 1879. His children were: Miriam Lander, born in 1834. She married Rev. A. Winchester Meacham, a talented young Baptist preacher. Her father was violently opposed to the match, but became reconciled at last, and spent his declining years in the home of the happy couple. Miriam was a widow for many years and was greatly afflicted. She reared six children: Robert, Charles N., who was a teacher, lawyer, editor, mayor of Hopkinsville, and was her most prominent citizen for many years. He attended both reunions and has made many helpful suggestions in regard to our history. Mary married T. E. Bartlett; James P. and Lander are

merchants, and Victoria married J. T. Baynham.

*Victoria Lander*, born in 1844, married William Elliott, a merchant in Hopkinsville. They have: Thomas, John, Walter, and Lela, who married a Mr. Meacham.

Bernice Lander married George Means and lives at Charleston, Ind.

Varinda Lander married John Ensley and moved to Missouri. They had: Otis, Bernice, Mary, Claud and James. Fannie Lander married Ed Blakely and died, leaving two sons and four daughters.

*James W. Lander*, born at Belleview, Ky., Jan. 10, 1853, was reared on the farm. His education was not neglected, for he is a well-informed man. He was for several years a merchant in Hopkinsville, but the lure of the farm drew him back in 1881. He has a lovely home near Church Hill, Ky. He always votes the Democratic ticket and is a Methodist, "first, last and all the time, no matter what sort of a preacher the conference sends around." He married Nora Hicks, of Cerulean Springs, and she is the mother of five intelligent sons and three charming daughters.

*Arthur B. Lander*, born at Hopkinsville in



1879. After finishing school he was an "angel of commerce" for several years. He married Mary Cheatham and settled at Lafayette, Ky. They have two fine boys, David Wells, born in 1916, and James W., Jr., born in 1919.

*John H. Lander*, born in 1881, married Ethel Webster in 1906. He is an accomplished telegrapher, but for the last several years has been a rural mail carrier out of Gracey, Ky. They have two children: Nora E., born 1908, and Arthur Bernard, born 1911.

*Hugh Lander* was born near Church Hill, Ky., in 1884, and was reared on a farm. When about grown he went out to see how big the world is. He sojourned awhile in Missouri, then went to California, later returning to Louisville, Ky. His greatest adventure was at Campbellsburg, Ky., where he met and won Miss Maud Adcock. They were married in 1907, and have two sons, Hugh James, Jr., born 1915, and Robert Spillsbury, born 1920, at Elizabethtown, Ky., where the family now reside. Hugh owns the Lander Hardware Company in that city. Nora writes: "His hobby is fishing and telling fish stories, and he is a decided success when it comes to doing either."

Mae Lander, born 1886, married Samuel V. Todd, and lives at Memphis, Tenn. They have two children, Samuel V., Jr., born 1916, and Susan E., born 1889, who married Emmet Cayce, and have two children, Lander and Paul.

Frances B. Lander, born 1891, graduated at McLean College, married—not yet! She is a schoolmistress. Her salary is an indication of great efficiency. We met at the Reunion in 1921.

*Samuel Jones Lander*, born 1891, married Beulah Wilson in 1921.

*Carl C. Lander*, born 1896.

Leah Lander, probably born about 1858, married Dr. Cadwallader Jones, and lives at Charleston, Ind. She attended the Reunion in 1911.

The Patriarch William Lander had three other children. Eleanor and Letitia died in infancy, and Isaac died at the age of 8 years. The most careful count we could make gives him 1 grandson living, 22 great-grandsons, 30 great-great-grandsons and 8 great-great-great-grandsons. There are probably a half-dozen in the last class that were not counted. With those added there would still be a loss of

three since 1911. Ye Williamites would better be taking something!

## CHAPTER VIII

### THE DESCENDANTS OF THE PATRIARCH HENRY LANDER

The record of this tribe is confessedly imperfect. Its members are widely scattered and have been for nearly a century, and they have had little communication among themselves. Henry Lander had about the best start of any of the Patriarchs. They were in comfortable circumstances and enjoyed greater social prestige, if there was any difference. Certainly they were the most numerous tribe. If we were disposed to be the least bit superstitious we might think that, having thirteen children in the family, that was the cause of their undoing. But that is unthinkable. Since "in union there is strength," this tribe should have been the most useful and influential. One member of the tribe has suggested that there may have been some unpleasantness in the family about the time of the patriarch's death which might have caused the estrangement. There are also greater extremes of social condition in this tribe

than in any of the others. Some have rolled in splendor, while others have been reduced to ignorance and squalor.

Sarah Lander was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, in 1794. She married John Ashbrook, probably a cousin, in Clark County, Kentucky, and lived many years in Covington, Ky. Her brother, Russell, used to hear from her occasionally. If his children could write they might tell us something.

Thomas Lander, born in Virginia in 1795, was reared near Winchester, Ky., and moved with the family to Christian County, Kentucky. He left home at an early age and settled at Malden, Va. He embarked in the foundry business, but it proved to be a losing venture. He married Priscilla Radcliff, and became the father of a numerous progeny. In the fall of 1840, when all was lost but honor, he took Greeley's advice and started for the great West. He probably went all the way by water down the Kanawha and Ohio rivers and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to the present site of Kansas City, Mo. At that time the city consisted of a log grocery, a log blacksmith shop and a board warehouse. He domiciled his family in the warehouse until he could look around



and "stake a claim." He entered 160 acres of land on what was known as Wilson's Island, about five miles below the landing. There he established himself and lived about three years. He was a member of the Methodist Church and the Masonic fraternity. He died of chills and fever in 1843. He was given a Masonic funeral and buried in Clay County, Missouri. A daughter died about the same time, and father and daughter were buried in the same grave. Masons of Charleston, W. Va., furnished the money to move the family back to Malden. The wife remained fourteen years and started back to Missouri. She was taken sick on the boat and died at Dover, Mo., in 1857. There were ten children, but all of them have not been located. They had a hard struggle, with no one to assist or advise. Some of their living descendants are greatly submerged. Manerva was the eldest. She married and lived in Ohio. Eliza grew up, married a man from Ohio and lost out. William H. was born at Malden, Va. in 1832. He moved to Missouri with the family and returned with them. He grew to manhood with little, if any, education. He and his brother, James, made occasional trips to Cincinnati, O., and visited their Aunt Sarah, at Covington,

Ky. She reported that "they were a little wild." They settled down, however, and became peaceable citizens. William married Ellen Enochs and reared a large family. He was in the Federal Army during the Civil War. He was a member of the Methodist Church. After the war he moved to Pomeroy, O., and worked in the coal mines. He died there in 1893. From what his daughter wrote, we infer that his wife went blind soon after their marriage. She said: "Mother never saw one of her children." She was a widow many years, and drew a liberal pension. Priscilla, born 1863, left home when 20 years old and was lost to view.

William Henry Lander was born 1867. He followed mining all his life. He married and probably brought a bunch of children up in the mines. We have tried to get in touch with them, but failed.

Charles Augustus Lander, born 1870, spent his whole life in the mines at Pomeroy, Ohio.

Virginia A. Lander, of whom we know nothing except that "she calls herself Mrs. McDaniels."

John R. Lander, born 1875, went into the mines when 12 years old and was still there at last account. He married Fannie Terrell, and

seems to be prosperous and respectable. Three children died in infancy and four were living at last account: Henry, born 1897; John R., Jr., 1899; Priscilla, 1902, and Richard, 1908. I tried to keep in touch with John R., but have lost trace of him; have heard nothing for twenty years.

Henry F. Lander, born 1878, has been in the mines since childhood. Instead of marrying, he cared for his mother as long as she lived.

David L. Lander was born 1881. I wish I might have adopted him when he was 2 years old. As soon as I heard of him I tried to catch him by "putting salt on his tail," but I could not get within a mile of him. He was brought up in the mines—never knew anything else. He got himself married and may have "his quiver full of children."

James T. Lander was born at Malden, Va., in 1834, and was in the Union army during the Civil War. After the war he married and moved to Bellair, O., and worked in the mines. He had several children, of whom I have no account. He died in 1903.

Mary Ellen Lander arrived at Malden, Va., probably about 1836. She probably never met "Webster's Blue-Back Speller," but in due

time she met and married Ike Foster. She was a widow at Montgomery, W. Va., and had her share of privation and suffering.

Charles Augustus Lander was born at Malden in 1838. After his father's death he became separated from the family and lived in Missouri with William Lewis, a relative of his mother. In 1858 he crossed "the plains" and settled at San Bernardino, Cal. He married Mary E. Stewart in 1861, and was variously employed ranching, mining, etc. He was marshal of San Bernardino two terms. His latter days were spent at Hanford, Cal., where he suffered greatly from Bright's disease. His eyesight failed and his mind became impaired. He died in the triumphs of the Christian faith in 1903. His widow died in 1915. They had seven boys and three girls:

Henry Clay Lander, born 1862, is a carpenter and lives at Coalinga, Cal.; has never married.

Charles A. Lander, Jr., born 1863, married Aggie Reed, and lives at San Bernardino, Cal.; occupation, printer. He has four children: Earl Leroy, born 1889; Hortense, born 1895; Lillian, born 1895, and Robert Bruce, born 1897. The last named was in the World War.



(Charles Augustus, Jr., has no interest whatever in genealogy. He is dead set against answering letters on that subject; same with all his brothers and sisters, except Lillian.)

John W. Lander, born in 1863, clerks in a store at Coalinga, Cal. He married Jane Barnes. She bore two children and died: Walter, born 1893, was accidentally killed while hunting in 1916; John A., born 1894, married Bonnie Barbarick in 1921. He was in the World War.

Thomas O. Lander was born 1867; occupation, laborer; residence, Coalinga, Cal.

Wesley A. Lander was born 1871; occupation, painter; residence, Coalinga, Cal.

James L. Lander, born 1876, married Isadore Anthony, lives at San Francisco, Cal., and has a daughter, Vernal, born 1896.

Maud Lander married H. C. Kerr, a banker, at Coalinga, Cal. He died in 1914. They have two children, Gladys E. and Percy C.

Lillian Lander, born August, 1881, was reared at Hanford, Cal., and graduated from the high school there. She at once secured a position as bookkeeper for a large establishment and held it for several years. She was one of our most esteemed correspondents, and

I fell in love with her at once. She married J. W. Raymond in 1917, and now lives at Corcoran, Cal. They have a daughter, Marilyn Maud, born 1920.

Ailbert Lander, born 1886, married Zona Garcia in 1909; residence, Coalinga, Cal.; occupation, clerk in store.

Charles Augustus had four other children, all of whom died in infancy.

Rebecca, daughter of the Patriarch Henry Lander, born in Virginia in 1798, was reared in Clark County, Kentucky, and married a Mr. Calloway. Nothing further is known of her.

Hannah Lander, born 1800, died unmarried in 1841.

Isaac Lander, born in Clark County, Kentucky, in 1802, attained his majority in Christian County. His son, H. W., wrote: "My father was rather reticent about his father's family. I think that there must have been some ill feeling somewhere." It might have been as his daughter wrote: "The institution of slavery was an offense to him, and he resolved to get away from it." When quite young he went to the salt works on the Kanawha River, and probably visited his brother Tom at Malden. From there he went to northern Wisconsin.

After leaving the pines he married Tirzah Ann Ray, at Cassville, Wis., in 1834. He entered land ten miles west of Cassville and built a home. He continued farming until the gold fever broke out in California. He crossed the plains in 1850. "Luck was against him," and he went up into Oregon to try salmon fishing. In this he was successful for awhile, but one night he lost \$400 worth of traps by a sudden rise in the river. That made him homesick, and he returned to his Wisconsin homestead, "a sadder but wiser man." In 1860 he was driving a header in the harvest field and fell from his seat on the machine in such a way that the sickle cut one of his heels badly. From this he suffered greatly for more than a year, being confined to his bed much of the time. It finally healed, but he walked with a cane the rest of his life. In 1872 he moved with his family to Turlock, Cal., where he kept a store with one of his sons. He was postmaster there at the time of his death, in 1883, loved and respected by all who knew him. The heel wound caused him much trouble and the foot had to be amputated. He had thirteen children:

Eliza Lander, born at Cassville, Wis., in 1836, married Ransom McCapers in 1856.

Manerva E. Lander, born 1838, married R. G. Ransom in 1866. She died at Albert Lea, Wis., in 1903. She had a son, Charles Arthur, living at Albert Lea, who is married and has four children.

Henry W. Lander was born in 1839. He received a good education and could outspell everyone in the whole countryside. He had the measles, as most children do, and they left him an invalid. Much to his regret, he could not join the army and help put down the rebellion and set the negro free. In 1861 he undertook a trip across the plains for the benefit of his health. It proved to be the right medicine for him and he enjoyed good health for many years. He married Alice Baker, at Turlock, in 1880. In 1883 he moved to Oregon and remained there ten years. Then he returned to California and located at Prattville, but for some reason his wife and children remained in Oregon. Henry was handy with tools and worked as a carpenter, blacksmith, etc. His first vote was for Lincoln, and as long as he lived he was a "stand-pat" Republican. He had four daughters: Jessie Grace, born 1882, married J. G. McBain, and lived at Malta Cassia, Ida.; Rosa Ray, born 1883, married James Coan, of Cald-



well, Ida.; Lina C. died at the age of 19 years; Elma, born 1888, lived with her mother at Portland, Ore.

Florence L. Lander, born 1841, married Stephen V. Porter in Wisconsin. They resided at Turlock, Cal., many years. Mr. Porter was "water lifter" for the Southern Pacific Railroad for about thirty-six years. Florence was a superior woman in every way, highly intelligent, well educated, large hearted, a real Christian and mother of four children. Three of them died in 1877. Winifred, born in 1871, married D. H. Goodrich, and lived at San Leandro, Cal.

Richard R. Lander was born near Cassville, Wis., in 1843. He learned the tinner's trade. He served three years in the Union Army, Company D, Thirty-third Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers. He married Eliza Blank in 1870, and moved to California shortly afterward. He was living at Antelope Valley in 1890. I preached at a country church called Del Sur one Sunday, and Richard and Eliza came forward and introduced themselves after the service. They were very nice looking people, and I knew at once that they belonged. They are both dead now. They had one daughter

living, Bertha, who married Thomas Menzies, lived at Turlock and had five children. Perhaps they have changed their residence.

Isaac N. Lander was born in 1843, and died without issue in 1862.

Lavinia M. Lander, born 1845, married James N. Harvey in 1866. In 1907 the whole family moved to Taft, N. Dak., and took up claims. They have three children: James E., Helen A. and Ray Lander. Harley Christmas was drowned in the Mississippi River at Clayton, Ia., in 1892.

Caroline Lander died in infancy.

Patterson C. Lander died without issue in 1876, aged 28 years.

Alice A. Lander, born 1850, married Lewis W. Mann in 1872. They lived, when last heard from, at Anoka, Minn. They had three children: Laura, Mary and Lucy.

Charles F. Lander, born at Bloomington, Wis., went to California in 1872. He married Annette Allen in 1879. Have never heard directly from him, but learned that he has two children, Royal and Criston.

Elvira and U. S. G. Lander died in infancy.

Israel Lander, born in Clark County, Kentucky, was reared near Hopkinsville, Ky. He

married his cousin, Eliza, a Johnite, in 1831. He secured a liberal education and "e'en down to old age" could write an excellent letter. He was a man of affairs, with splendid business capacity and unquestioned integrity. He had a reverent regard for religion, but was never a church member. He was an enthusiastic Mason and greatly esteemed wherever he lived. He farmed in Kentucky until 1854, then moved to Mexico, Mo. The same year he took a drove of cattle across the plains to California and remained there nearly two years. Returning to Mexico, Mo., he opened a grocery store and remained there until 1861, when he sold out and moved to California. He bought a fine farm near Stockton, and died there in 1882. Against the protest of his wife, he climbed the tower of a windmill to make some repairs. He lost his footing and fell to the ground, dying shortly afterward. His wife witnessed his fall and the shock unbalanced her mind. They had five sons and two daughters:

John H. Lander, born in Kentucky in 1832. He went with his father to California and was so well satisfied that he never returned. He engaged in the cattle business many years and finally settled at Ceres, Cal. He never married

and never made a profession of religion. He died of hemorrhage of the brain in 1909.

James Thomas Lander was born in Kentucky in 1834. When 20 years of age he went with his father to California, driving a herd of cattle, which were sold to the "forty-niners." He settled on a farm near Atwater and continued there until his death. Like his father, he was not a church member. He was a Mason. He married Lavinia Eubanks and they had two sons: Doran Lucius, born 1880, lived with his parents near Atwater. He is not a gifted writer. Frank Rollin, born 1882, married Mary Weaver in 1908, and lived with his bachelor Uncle John, near Ceres, Cal. Neither is he handy with the pen.

Sarah E. Lander, born in Kentucky in 1836, died in 1854.

Amos Chilton Lander was born in Kentucky in 1838. He moved with the family to Missouri and later to California. He was a partner with his brother, John, in the cattle business. John and James were Republicans, but Amos was a Democrat, and was a deputy sheriff twenty-three years in succession. He was not a church member, and never married. He died in 1910.



Mary Catherine Lander, born 1840, married J. J. Steele, and died in 1865.

William Patterson Lander, born 1846, died unmarried in 1872.

Bernard Filmore Lander, born in 1850, died without issue in 1898.

Patterson Lander was born near Winchester, Ky., in 1807, was reared in Christian County, and was 16 years of age when his father died. He had a thirst for knowledge, and after taking what Hopkinsville had to offer he went to college and paid his way by teaching. He studied law, was admitted to the bar and settled at Smithland, Ky. While residing there he was elected to the Kentucky legislature and served one term. He was sent by his constituents to Washington, D. C., to secure an appropriation from congress for improving the navigation of the Ohio River. The expensive and permanent works which were erected attest the success of his mission. He was appointed by President Polk as one of the board of visitors to the West Point Military Academy. He married Elizabeth Frazier, at Smithland, in 1843. She died in San Francisco in 1860. He caught the gold fever in 1849 and trekked across the plains to California. He

did not dig gold, but found opportunities for making a fortune in San Francisco in a more congenial way. He was the first city tax collector, but subsequently held no office of public trust. He neither sought nor desired any kind of political preferment, but when occasion offered he was ready to co-operate in his quiet, unostentatious manner at any time to promote the public good. He did not practice his profession in California, but engaged in real estate and other business, in which he was eminently successful. His chief sphere of usefulness and principal enjoyments were found in the amenities of social life, in caring for the business affairs of widows and others who needed his counsel and assistance; above all, in his persistent efforts to aid and encourage poor young men who were struggling to get a start in life. His interest in young men was, indeed, one of the most beautiful traits of his character, and many of them cannot but feel that in his death they lost a congenial companion, a sincere friend and a faithful counselor. He died Jan. 2, 1874, and none was ever more sincerely mourned than he. His end, though peaceful, was sudden and almost without warning. He left two daughters: Alice Lander married Joseph Eastland, a

wealthy citizen of San Francisco. She died of pneumonia in 1889. Her body was cremated at her request. She left two sons, Thomas and Joseph. Elisabeth married Dr. Richard A. Urquhart in 1883. He is now practicing his profession at Los Gatos, Cal. They have hung up the receiver!

Chilton Lander was born in Clark County, Kentucky, in 1809, and reared in Christian County. He studied medicine and succeeded in his profession. He moved to Mississippi, and died unmarried in 1838.

*Wilson J. Lander* was born near Winchester, Ky., in 1811, was reared on a farm in Christian County, and secured a good education. He was rich in manly virtues and highly esteemed by all who knew him. For some years he was a merchant in Hopkinsville, Ky., but he was too trustful to succeed well in that line. He was a Baptist. For awhile his pastor was his partner, and the trustful Wilson was swindled out of everything he had. The ungodly pastor loaded the goods into wagons and disappeared between two days! Wilson married Rebecca Perkins in 1836, by whom he had three children. After Rebecca died he married his cousin, Nancy Pauline, a Williamite, in October, 1856.

He died in 1879 from being kicked by his saddle horse. The children by his first wife were: James Henry, who died without issue in early manhood. William Columbus was born and reared in Hopkinsville. He enlisted in the Confederate Army, was captured at Corinth, Miss., and imprisoned at Rock Island a year and a half. His health was permanently impaired there, though he lived several years afterward. He married Kate Flournoy, and died without issue at Paducah, Ky. Marion was born and reared at Hopkinsville. She and her step-mother were devoted to each other as long as they lived. Marion died unmarried. By Wilson's second marriage there were four children: Two sons died in childhood. Minnie, born in 1861, married Prof. Charles Deitrich in 1883. She was a refined and cultured woman and he a successful educator. She died at Winchester, Ky., leaving five children: Karl, Ruth, Lois, Aime and Neal.

*Alice E. Lander* was born in 1875. So far as we know she is the only living thoroughbred in the whole connection, her father and mother both being Landers. She possesses all the vivacity and sweetness of her mother, and has enjoyed educational advantages which her



mother did not have. She has been a successful schoolmistress and for some years was a teacher in the State University, at Richmond, Ky. During the World War she was employed by "Uncle Sam" at Akron, O. At present she is teaching at Danville, Ky.

Russell B. Lander was born near Winchester, Ky., in 1814. He was reared and educated in Christian County, and was pretty well equipped to fight the battles of life. He had a sound mind in a sound body, and his disposition was such that everybody loved him. He was one of the first men I ever wrote to on the subject of genealogy. He and Samuel, the Johnite, and Cousin Pauline, of Hopkinsville, were my most highly prized correspondents. I received more assistance from them than any of the others. R. B. married Elizabeth Dunnington, and lived at Hopkinsville until the Civil War broke out, at which time he moved to Clarksville, Tenn. In 1869 he moved to Paducah, Ky., and conducted a boarding house. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church, and always wrote kindly but truthfully about the relatives as far as he knew them, but with characteristic modesty he wrote little about himself. He had one son and three daughters,

ard they are all "clams"! Ruth was born somewhere at some time. I have heard that she married O. F. Torian. I think that someone mentioned that she has been a widow in Paducah for some years. She had a daughter, Polly, and Polly married Will Hubbard. Naturally she will become "Old Mother Hubbard" some of these days. We hope that she will always find something in the cupboard for herself and the dog.

Ellen Lander was born about the same time as her sister. Perhaps she knows the time and place. She married Wood Morrow, or the day after, and she also is a widow in Paducah.

Mary Lander was born as the other sisters were, some time, somewhere, and married W. A. Cade. She also is a widow, and is probably living with her son, Frank, at or near Catherine, Ala. Frank seems to be a good fellow. I have had two brief letters from him.

Frank Dunnington Lander was born and reared at Hopkinsville, Ky. He lived with his parents till he was 18 years old and then went to live with his Uncle Frank Dunnington, at Nashville, Tenn. His uncle was clerk of the Supreme Court. Frank was employed about the clerk's office and studied law. He was ad-

mitted to the bar in 1876. After the death of his uncle he went to Columbia, Tenn., to live with the uncle's widow. There he began the practice of law. In 1883 he was elected city judge and was re-elected five years in succession. He then became editor of the *Columbia Herald* and he made that paper, both daily and weekly, one of the most influential and successful publications in the state. Under his management the paper was a tower of strength in the cause of righteousness. Senator Carmack chose him to be manager of the *Nashville Tennessean* when that paper began the championship of prohibition. After the brutal assassination of Senator Carmack, Frank Lander was made editor-in-chief of the paper, which was the acknowledged and accredited state organ of the "statewide prohibition" forces. He was holding that position when the legislature passed the prohibition laws. His paper did more for the passage of those measures than any other agency in the state. He considers that the culmination of his best life's work. Senator Carmack's wife was a Dunnington, and when he was shot down his body was carried to Frank Lander's residence. In 1909, Frank was president of the Tennessee Press

Association. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for many years, and his life has been a force which has counted tremendously for truth and righteousness. He married Mamie Jones in 1889. A son was born to them, and for many years the home was an Eden. Then, presto! The green-eyed monster invaded the home and all was confusion. The wife conducted a tea-room in St. Petersburg very successfully for awhile and found time to compile a book, "Friendship Through the Year." It was a "good seller." Broken in spirit, Frank left the scenes of his triumphs and, I think, is now publishing a paper somewhere in Mississippi. I have lost track of him.

Frank D. Lander, Jr., born Aug. 19, 1891. I wonder what has become of him! But hold, hold! The postman arrives, and what is this? As I live, a letter from Frank D. Lander! And he writes: "Your letter of Oct. 26 to Cousin Alice was forwarded to my sister, Mrs. Ellen Lander Morrow, at Columbia, Tenn., and by her forwarded to me. Since last you heard of me I have married a second time, my second wife being Mrs. Alice McKnight Cope, of Paducah, Ky. We have no children. My son, Frank D. Lander, Jr., married ten years ago



next January, Miss Gertrude Olsen. Her father was a Dane. They have two children, Gertrude, 9 years old, and Frank D., III, 8 years old this month. They live at Opelousas, La. He is president of the Southern Sweet Potato Exchange, the largest buyers and sellers of sweet potatoes in the world. I think they handled over 250,000 bushels last season and will handle as many this season.

"I think that is all that I can add to the tree, except to say that Frank III is the finest Lander I have ever looked at. If he grows up to his looks he will make the 'tribe' all proud of him.

Sincerely yours,

"F. D. LANDER.

"P. O. Box 1757, West Palm Beach, Fla."

And now, dear cousins, my task is done. It is not much that I offer you. I suppose, however, that I have collected more data than any living member of the family. I shall turn it over to the printer now, lest when I am gone it may all be lost. This has been my cherished hobby and, having attained the habit, I shall probably keep it up as long as I live. I want to hear from all of you. I may issue an occasional circular letter as I receive the material.

God be with you till we meet again.

COUSIN DAVID.





















